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BIRTHS.

CASSIDY—February 21, 1925, at "Stella Maris," Earlsfort terrace, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cassidy, Waterside, Howth, a son.

FARRELL—February 10, 1925, at Nurse Hale's, 46 Harold's Cross road, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Farrell, a son.

FitzGERALD—February 19, 1925, at 40 Upper Fitzwilliam street, the wife of John M. FitzGerald, Arrachon, Killiney, of a daughter.

KELLY—February 15, 1925, at 89 Lower Baggot street, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kelly, Melfort, Shrewsbury road, a daughter.

MARTIN—February 20, 1925, at 41 Upper Mount street, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin, a daughter.

O'BRIEN—February [illegible], 1925, at Nurse Hale's, 46 Harold's Cross road, to Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Brien, a son.

REGAN—February [illegible], 1925, at Ivanhoe, Lansdowne road, to Mr. and Mrs. O. M. C. Regan, Tipperary, a son.

ROWE—February 20, 1925, at the Carlton Nursing Home, Portadown, the wife of J. P. Rowe, Markethill, Armagh, of a daughter.

SHANNON—February 22, 1925, the wife of William G. Shannon, Claremont House, Sandymount, of a daughter.

WATSON—February 23, 1925, to Mr. and Mrs. James B. Watson, Merille Ville, Vernon Grove, Rathgar, Dublin, a son.

WHITTLE—February 23, 1925, at Boneygappa House, Geashill, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Whittle, a son.

WOODS—February 22, 1925, at 4 Mayfield road, S.C. road, Dublin, Muriel, the wife of Victor M. Woods, P.C., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

KENNEDY and LITTLE—February 17, 1925, at the Catholic University Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, with Nuptial Mass, by the Rev. James Sherwin, C.C., Joseph Aloysius, eldest son of the late James Kennedy, Esq., Crown Lodge, Newbridge, and Mrs. Kennedy, Carlisle Hotel, Kingstown, to Eileen, second daughter of Dr. T. and Mrs. Little, 100 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

BRENNAN—February 23, 1925, at a Private Hospital, Dublin, Rev. William Brennan, C.P., St. Gabriel's, Enniskillen. Office and Solemn Requiem Mass at Mount Argus to-morrow (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock, followed by funeral. No flowers.

BRUEN—February 21, 1925, at her residence, 8 Edenvale road, Ranelagh, Dublin, Kate, dearly-beloved wife of the late John Bruen. Deeply regretted. Funeral this (Tuesday) morning to Glasnevin.

GASON—February 22, 1925, at Nenagh, Richard Wills Gason, aged 60 years. Funeral from St. Mary's at 1 o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday), 25th.

HUMPHRYS—February 23, 1925, in hospital in Dublin, suddenly, from heart failure, Rosalie, beloved wife of Henry Humphrys, Kilnacreeva, Ballyhaise. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday) from Cavan Station at 12.30, on arrival of train from Broadstone.

JOHNSON-SMYTH—February 21, 1925, Charlotte (Zenana Bible and Medical Mission), Benares, daughter of the late Thomas Johnson-Smyth, Glenavy, County Antrim. "Far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. vi, 14).

"He pointed to the nail prints. For me His Blood was shed;
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And with adoring wonder His blessings I retrace.
It seems as if Eternal days are far too short to sound His Praise."

KEARON—February 23, 1925, at her residence, 12 Fair Green, Arklow, Martha, widow of late John Kearon, aged 74 years. "Thy will be done." Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday), 2.30 p.m., to Old Kilbride. No flowers.

McDONOUGH—February 22, 1925, at his residence, 37 Booterstown avenue, Frank T. McDonough (late Traveller for Raleigh Cycle Co.), to the inexpressible grief of his wife and child. R.I.P. Funeral from Church of the Assumption, Booterstown, after 10 o'clock Mass, this (Tuesday) morning.

McGUIRK—February 23, 1925, at his residence, Chester Lodge, Ranelagh, James McGuirk. Funeral arrangements later.

MARTIN—February 21, 1925, at "Clonskeagh," Quorn, Leicestershire, Helena, widow of the late William Martin (formerly of Bank of Ireland, Dublin), within two weeks of her 96th birthday. "With Christ."

METGE—February 22, 1925, at Seafield, Skerries, Pierre Ponsonby Cole Metge, second son of the late Robert Henry Metge, of Athlumney, Navan, County Meath. Funeral leaves Skerries by train at 9 a.m. to-morrow (Wednesday), February 25th, for Navan, and Navan Station for Bective at 11 a.m.

MULCAHY—February 23, 1925, at his parents' residence, "St. Michan's," Upper Drumcondra, John Gerrard, aged 16, eldest and dearly-loved son of Denis and Lucy Mulcahy. Sincerely regretted by his sorrowing parents, brothers, and friends. R.I.P. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday) morning, after 10 o'clock Mass, from Corpus Christi Church, Home Farm road.

MURPHY—February 21, 1925, at Rockmore, Newcastle, County Down, Martha, fifth daughter of the late Samuel Murphy, of Rathfriland, aged 92 years. Service in St. John's Church, Newcastle, at 1.30 p.m. to-day (Tuesday), 24th inst. Funeral to Rathfriland.

PARKER—February 23, 1925, at her residence, Kilrush, Clare, Sarah Parker.

RATHWELL—February 21, 1925, R. W. Rathwell, Killena, Ballycanew. Funeral to-day, 11 o'clock, from Killena to Inch Cemetery.

SMITH—February 22, 1925, at Westfield, Mountrath, William Smith, aged 63 years. Funeral leaving Westfield at 8 a.m. to-day (Tuesday) for Benburb.

STEWART—February 17, 1925, at Pretoria, South Africa, William John Stewart, M.B., T.C.D., late Captain R.A.M.C., second son of William J. Stewart, Castlefinn, County Donegal.

SUTTON—February 23, 1925, at Town View, Rathdrum, Arthur William Sutton, aged 53. Funeral to-morrow (Wednesday) 2 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

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THE IRISH TIMES is due to arrive in Belfast at 9.30 a.m. If it is not delivered within a reasonable time please communicate with our Branch Office, 139 Royal Avenue.

CONTRACTS.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES.
CONTRACTS FOR SUPPLIES.
The Governors of this Hospital invite Tenders for the supply of the following articles, in such quantities as may be required, for a period of 12 months, commencing 1st day of April, 1925, or later date:—
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MEDICINES AND SURGICAL DRESSINGS.
Sealed Tenders (envelope marked "Tender for——") must be delivered on or before Wednesday, 4th day of March, 1925, addressed to the Registrar at the Hospital, from whom printed forms for the purpose and any further information can be obtained. Only the proposals on such forms will be considered. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
(By Order),
WALTER V. JONES, Registrar.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS.
ERECTION OF RETAINING WALL AT SLIGO STATION.
The Directors are prepared to receive Tenders for the erection of a Retaining Wall (about 200 feet long, maximum height about 30 feet) at Sligo Station.
Plan and quantities can be obtained at the Office of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Broadstone Station, Dublin, on and from 27th inst., on payment of a fee of one guinea.
The Directors do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
Tenders, endorsed on the outside "Erection of Retaining Wall at Sligo Station," should be forwarded so as to reach the undersigned not later than 10 o'clock a.m. on the 11th March.
G. E. RILEY, Secretary.
Kingsbridge Station, Dublin,
19th February, 1925.

COMMISSIONERS OF IRISH LIGHTS.
TO CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS AND TAILORS.
The Commissioners of Irish Lights invite Tenders for the supply of
UNIFORM CLOTHING
during the year ending 31st March, 1926.
Forms of Tender, giving all particulars, may be obtained on application to the undersigned.
Tenders must reach this Office not later than Noon on THURSDAY, the 19th MARCH, 1925.
The Commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.
By Order, J. B. PHELPS, Secretary.
Irish Lights Office, Dublin,
23rd February, 1925.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DUBLIN.
TENDERS FOR FLAME ARC LAMPS.
Tenders are invited for the Supply of Magazine Flame Arc Lamps for the Electricity and Public Lighting Department.
Specification and Form of Tender can be obtained from the City Electrical Engineer, Fleet street, Dublin, on and after Wednesday, 25th February, 1925.
Tenders, sealed and endorsed "Flame Arc Lamps," and addressed to the Commissioners of the County Borough of Dublin, Fleet street, Dublin, will be received up to 12 o'clock noon on Monday, 30th March, 1925.
JOHN J. MURPHY, Town Clerk.
23rd February, 1925.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
Pursuant to a Judgment of the High Court of Justice, made in the Matter of the Estate of MARGARET F. MacCROSSAN, Deceased; And in the Matter of the Trusts of a certain Deed Poll, dated the 25th January, 1924, made by JAMES RIORDAN and GEORGE ETHERTON—JAMES RIORDAN and another, Plaintiffs; the ATTORNEY-GENERAL, Defendant.
The Creditors of the said Margaret F. MacCrossan, late of Belgrave Hall, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Spinster, who died in or about the month of January, 1924, are, on or before the 13th day of March, 1925, to send by post, prepaid, to Charles O'Brien, of 54 Dawson street, in the City of Dublin, the Solicitor of the said Plaintiffs, the Executors of the Deceased, their names, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them; or in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Judgment; and all persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting the Real and Chattel Real Estate of the said Margaret F. MacCrossan—and particularly the Premises, Belgrave Hall, Monkstown, Barony of Rathdown, County Dublin; Premises in Parnell street and Horseman's Row, Parish of St. Mary, City of Dublin; Parts of Lands of Drumacrin, in the Barony of Tyrhugh; Tullyally and Tullynavin, in the Barony of Inishowen, County Donegal; Lands of Corlaghderagan, in the Barony of East Omagh; Drumhonish and Unshinagh, in the Barony of West Omagh; Beltany and Beragh (part of), Barony of Upper Strabane; Dunteige, in the Barony of Lower Strabane; and Mullanboy, in the Barony of Clogher, and all in County Tyrone—are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their claims at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on or before the 13th day of March, 1925; or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Judgment. Every Creditor or Claimant on Real Estate or Chattel Real Estate holding any security is to produce the same at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 25th day of March, 1925, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 13th day of February, 1925.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
FRANCES MARY McDONNEL, late of 57 Merrion square, Dublin, Spinster, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Victoria, Chapter 54, that the above-named Frances Mary McDonnel, Deceased, who died on the 20th day of August, 1924, by her Will dated the 4th day of June, 1924, bequeathed inter alia:—
To the Parish Priest for the time being of Westland Row Church, for the use of the said Church, Testatrix's Picture of "The Nativity."
To the Prior for the time being of the Carmelite Church, County Kildare, Five Hundred Pounds, to be expended in the Erection of a Sacred Heart Altar, or in the up-keep of the said Church.
To the Little Sisters of the Assumption, Upper Camden street, Dublin, Five Hundred Pounds.
To St. Joseph's Convent, Tivoli road, Kingstown, Four Hundred Pounds.
To the Coombe Hospital, Dublin, One Hundred Pounds.
To the Men's Night Shelter, Back lane, Dublin, Two Hundred Pounds.
To the Parish Priest for the time being of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Gloucester street, Dublin, Two Hundred Pounds.
To the Parish Priest for the time being of the Parish of Westland Row, for the relief of the poor of the said Parish, One Hundred Pounds.
To the Revd. Father McGrath, 337 Harrow road, London, for Masses for the Repose of her Soul to be celebrated in public, and for the upkeep of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Three Hundred Pounds.
To the Revd. Father O'Reilly, Saint Peter's Church, Broad street, Birmingham, for Masses for the Repose of her Soul to be celebrated in public, and for such other good works as he may select, Five Hundred Pounds.
To Saint Joseph's College, for Young Priests for Foreign Missions, Mungret, Limerick, One Hundred Pounds.
And, by her said Will, Testatrix appointed Richard John McDonnel, of 57 Merrion square, aforesaid, and Katherine Mary Uniacke, of Monasterevan, County Kildare, Executors, and Probate of the said Will was on the 1st day of December, 1924, granted forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, to the said Executors.
Dated this 24th day of February, 1925.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
MARGARET E. ARMSTRONG, late of 33 Clarinda Park, East, Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire), in the County of Dublin, Spinster, Deceased.
Take Notice that, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., Cap. 35, all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise to have any claim against the assets of the said Margaret E. Armstrong, who died on the 15th day of November, 1924, at 5 Parkview avenue, Harold's Cross, Co. Dublin, are required on or before the 27th day of March, 1925, to furnish particulars thereof, in writing, to the undersigned Solicitor for Arthur R. C. N. Barnett, to whom Letters of Administration were granted by the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice (Probate), Saorstat Eireann, on the 17th day of January, 1925, and, in default thereof, the said Administrator will distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to claims of which he then shall have received notice.
Dated this 23rd day of February, 1925.
ARTHUR T. ELLIS, Solicitor for the said Administrator, 24 Lower Ormond quay, Dublin.

Gazette Notice—Adjudication—Public Sittings.—17.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—IN BANKRUPTCY.
MAURICE DOWLING, of 32 Main street, Naas, in the County of Kildare, Merchant, was, on the 16th day of February, 1925, adjudged Bankrupt.
Public Sittings will be held before the Court, at the Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin, on Friday, the 13th day of March, 1925, and on Friday, the 27th day of March, 1925 at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon, whereat the Bankrupt is to attend, and to make a full disclosure and discovery of his estate and effects. Creditors may prove their debts, and at the First Sitting choose a Creditors' Assignee. At the Last Sitting the Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination.
All persons having in their possession any property of the Bankrupt should deliver it, and all debts due to the Bankrupt should be paid to A. G. Hollinshead, Official Assignee, Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin, to whom creditors may forward their Affidavits of Debt.
W. A. T. COBBE, Acting Deputy Registrar.
EUGENE F. COLLINS and SON, Solicitors, 19 Eustace street, Dublin.

JAMES CHARLTON, late of 76 Thomas street, Dublin, deceased.
All persons having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named Deceased are requested to send particulars of same to the undersigned Administrator of Deceased.
Dated this 24th day of February, 1925.
WILLIAM J. CHARLTON, 76 Thomas street, Dublin.

CIRCUIT COURT—CITY OF DUBLIN.
EQUITY SIDE—BY THE CIRCUIT JUDGE.
PURSUANT to Order of the Circuit Judge of the City of Dublin, made on the 27th day of January, 1925, in the matter of DORA WILSON, Widow, Deceased, wherein TERESA KENNEDY is Plaintiff and MICHAEL WILSON is Defendant.
The creditors of Dora Wilson, late of 2 Rainsford avenue, off Thomas's Court, in the County of the City of Dublin, who died on or about the 13th August, 1924, are, on or before the 12th day of March, 1925, to send by post prepaid to Messrs. Roger Greene and Sons, Solicitors, 11 Wellington quay, Dublin, their Christian names and Surnames, addresses and descriptions, and, in the case of firms, the names of the partners and the style and title of the firm, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.
Every creditor holding any security is to produce the same before the Clerk of the Peace for the said County at the Court House, Green street, Dublin, on the 19th day of March, 1925, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.
Dated this 20th day of February, 1925.
SEAMUS O'CONCUBAIR, Clerk of the Peace for the County of Dublin.
ROGER GREENE and SONS, Solicitors having carriage of proceedings, 11 Wellington quay, Dublin.

IMPORTANT TO SOLICITORS.
From the 1st May, 1924, the charge for all advertisements under Legal Notice heading, or in any other advertising column of this paper (save "Agony" or Personal), is 1/6 per line with a minimum of 10/6.
THE MANAGER.

MOTOR NOTES: TAXATION.

(By Our Motoring Correspondent.)

The Free State Budget still is a close secret, and although many rumours have been in circulation during the past fortnight nobody knows whether Mr. Blythe will give any relief to motorists. One thing, however, is certain—that by this time he must be fully informed of what they want, and of the injurious effects that the present imposts have on a vital link in the country's chain of communications.

A strong plea has been made for lighter taxation on old cars, and there is no good reason why some concession should not be made to their owners. When the road tax was first enforced in 1921 a rebate was allowed in respect of cars manufactured before 1912. No change has been made in this regulation since then. Consequently, cars of twelve years of age—cars that are worth, say, from £25 to £50—are subjected to an annual tax of at least half their value. Obviously their owners cannot afford this, and thus vehicles which should be in service are lying dismantled and derelict. This represents a serious loss to repairers. The Minister should remember that the 12 h.p. car of 1913 cannot compare in efficiency, even if it has been kept in perfect order, with the 12 h.p. car of to-day. Designs have undergone radical changes in those twelve years.

Source of Worry.

Another direction in which relief ought to be forthcoming is the wholly unnecessary tax on imported spares. The revenue yielded by this tax cannot be great, but the losses, worry and inconvenience that it causes to traders and owner-drivers alike are great. Away with it!

The discussion of the Local Government Bill in the Senate has served at least one good purpose; it has focussed public attention on the urgent need of a comprehensive scheme of road improvement. I am glad to see Mr. Burke, the Minister in charge of the bill, fully realises the importance of administering the Road Fund to the best advantage, and that he resisted every attempt to allow local authorities to spend it in accordance with their own peculiar ideas. The Minister regards it as the nucleus of a national fund, out of which eventually the roads will be maintained on a national basis. There can be no doubt that he is right. Tinkering with the roads never will give good results. We must have a bold definite policy before the changes of which we dream can take place.

A Census.

During the past year the number of private motor cars in Great Britain has increased by 100,000, and the total number of motor vehicles has advanced by 176,000. This is by no means a poor result, especially in view of the depressed state of trade and commerce. The increase means a jump of £2,000,000 in the tax revenue. The figures for Ireland are not available, but I venture to say that taking both North and South the proportion of increase has not been far below the English level.

The figures for the United States, of course, make those for Great Britain seem insignificant. There were 2,000,000 more cars in use in America in 1924 than in 1923, or over 300 per cent. more than the total that Great Britain can muster for a quarter of a century.

A Better Outlook.

The outlook for the British motor industry is brighter to-day than it has been for a considerable time. A boom year is not expected—indeed, is not wanted, for violent fluctuations in the volume of trade always had an unsettling effect—but manufacturers and agents look forward to a steady improvement in the demand for all classes of vehicles. The motor share market usually can be taken as a trustworthy index, and for some time now it has been in an almost buoyant state.

And it is not going to be a good year for the trade only. Prices which we all thought had been cut to the bone still show a tendency to fall. Within the past week the price of one of the most important French cars on the market—one which enjoys a wide popularity in Ireland—has been further reduced. Others are bound to follow suit.

Storm Risks.

A motor insurance assessor, whom I met the other day, told me that never had he been so busy as he was during the gales of last month. The gales, he said, had cost his company a ... ll fortune, and the bunch of claims that he laid out for my inspection certainly seemed to justify the statement. Most of the accidents, he said, seemed to have been due to inexperience or carelessness on the part of the drivers, and only a small proportion could be classed as "avoidable." Driving in stormy weather always calls for extra caution. The temptation to "chance your arm," when you are wet, cold and hungry, and you cannot see distinctly owing to the blurred state of the windscreen, is very strong, but it ought to be resisted. If you have not got a windscreen wiper, you should leave the screen open.

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SMART young Boy, 16, hotel, club, private house; good recommendations.—G 778, this office.

STILLROOM or Kitchenmaid seeks place, Hotel or Club; good papers.—G 800, this office.

WAITRESS, good commercial hotel, disengaged; experienced, or restaurant; good references. Address "Z 2018, Waitress," this office. 24 E

YOUNG Lady, presently engaged, desires position, good city hotel, restaurant, dispense bar; first class references; disengaged when suited.—G 711, this office. 21 D

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

CITY House requires Representative for Ladies' and Gentlemen's Tailoring, Gentlemen's Outfitting, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Ready to Wear Costumes, Suits, etc.; liberal terms.—G 796, this office. 23 E

ENGLISH Manufacturers of Beltings, Packings, Buildings, Linings, and every description of Leather goods, desire Agent to push their productions in the Irish Free State on a commission basis. Address "Z 1984, Representative," this office. 20 B

STAINLESS Steel Cutlery—Traveller Wanted, with good connection amongst cutlers, ironmongers, jewellers, etc., in Dublin and districts, to offer the products on 10 per cent. commission. Apply Haity Brooks Chapel street, Levenshulme, Manchester. 20 B

SMART Travellers required, resident in or near chief towns in Ireland; good income assured any honest worker. Apply Box No. O 351, Irish Times Branch Office, 59 Fleet street, London, E.C.4.

AGENCIES AND SITUATIONS WANTED.

LADY Traveller, experienced saleswoman, with own showrooms, would take Agencies for Gowns, Millinery, Lingerie, Hosiery, etc.—G 853, this office. 23 E

MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND. The Council of this Society will on March 19, 1925, proceed to the appointment of an Examiner for the Practical Pharmacy Division of the Pharmaceutical Licence Examination, subject to the approval of the Governor-General of the Irish Free State. Full particulars will be supplied by the Registrar, with whom applications, accompanied by twenty-two copies of testimonials, should be lodged not later than March 2, 1925. ARTHUR T. FERRALL, Registrar. 67 Lower Mount street, Dublin.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, HARCOURT STREET, DUBLIN. The position of Resident will become vacant in this Institution on 1st April next. Applicants must be qualified to dispense medicines daily in connection with [illegible]. Full particulars from The Secretary.

A QUALIFIED Dental Surgeon has vacancy for a Pupil.—G 613, this office. 20 C

CITY Assistant, 25, dispensing and retail shifts, seeks permanency; excellent references. Address "Z 2014, Assistant," this office. 23 E

CHEMIST, Dublin, wants Junior open, front counter man, state salary, etc.; also Apprentice, R.C.—G 601, this office. 21 D

DENTIST (L.D.S.) with many years' experience in [illegible] and clinical work, desires management of practice, or would devote whole time to specific private appointment; excellent references. Address "Z 1974, Dentist," this office. 20 C

LADY, would go as Nurse Companion or nerve case, in or about Dublin; experienced in nursing, nerves, and massage; R.C. Address "Z 1951, Nurse," this office. 20 C

NURSE Attendant, R.C., seeks situation; suburbs or country; excellent references.—G 611, this office. 20 C

PRIVATE Nursing Home, suburbs, has vacancy for chronic or convalescent Patient; highest medical references.—G 721, this office. 21 D

PHARMACEUTICAL Chemist desires engagement, town or country. Managership preferred.—Box No. G 817, Irish Times Branch Office, Belfast. 23 E

WANTED, smart Operator Mechanic Dentist, Protestant, under 35, for Medical Institution for Province of Leinster, to Manage Branch. Address "Z 2009, Medical," this office. 21 D

WANTED, Assistant, capable of taking charge of Compounding. South. Address "Z 2005, Assistant," this office. 21 D

WANTED to Purchase, Pharmacy, in city or suburbs; particulars in confidence.—G 840, this office. 23 E

WANTED, Invalid Attendant, R.C., for elderly lady; £18; duties light.—R O 1646, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

TUITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS.

ALL Professional and University Prelims, Oral and Correspondence. Success lists free.—McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Sackville street, Dublin. T

ADD a string to your bow, and learn a Foreign Language.—Berlitz, 4 Grafton street. 20 C

A YOUNG Lady requires position as Governess or Lady's Help; age 21; smart appearance; excellent references.—G 804, this office. 23 E

BELMONT College, 36 Dawson street, Dublin ('phone 2585)—Oral and Correspondence Tuitions for University and Professional Preliminaries, Civil Service and Bank Examinations. Prospectus and Success List free. 20 C

DANCING Classes nightly; Lessons any time.—Prof. and Mrs. Graham, 33 George's street. 3 20

ENGINEER would teach Technical Drawing, or would undertake any Drawing in his spare time.—G 785, this office. 23 E

EXPERT Teacher, attending principal school of music, will give Piano Lessons at moderate price in pupils' home.—G 816, this office.

GENTLEWOMAN requires Daily Tuitions, Latin, French, drawing, music, needlework.—G 792, this office.

GRADUATE will accept a few Pupils for Tuition, any exam.—G 806, this office. 23 E

GENTLEMAN would give Lessons in French and German; terms moderate.—G 752, this office. 23 E

RESPECTABLE young Country Girl, native Irish speaker, would teach first lessons, and assist with housework, with respectable family; state salary.—G 782, this office. 23 C

SHORTHAND, Typewriting, Bookkeeping, etc.—Metropolitan College (Gillespie's), 100 Lower Mount street. 'Phone, 3095. T

SHORTHAND, Typewriting—Special Private Tuitions; rapid results; moderate.—Murphy, 16 Appian Way. 13 13

SECRETARIAL Training; Preparation for Examinations for Civil Service, Bank and other appointments; Day and Evening Classes.—Miss Rogan's Civil Service and Commercial College, 4 and 5 Nassau street. 20 C

SOPRANO, Lyric, pupil George Dodds, R.A.M. (Lond.), Odeon Conservatoire; Concerts, At Homes, Tuition.—Erica King, 15 Pery Square, Limerick. 7 X

TUTOR, Graduate, London and Irish experience, Coaches for Public Examinations; recent successes.—G 794, this office. 23 E

YOUNG Lady, R.C., desires position as Governess; teach all ordinary subjects, also French, painting, music (piano and violin); would go as Teacher of Music, institution or schools. Address "Z 1975, Governess," this office. 21 C

GOVERNESSES AND TUTORS WANTED.

AGENT FOR GOVERNESSES AND SCHOOLS.—Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton street, Dublin. Advises Parents and Teachers. Tel. No. 5258. T

PRINCIPAL Teacher Wanted for small Protestant School, County Carlow, under National Board; Board salary. Apply, giving particulars of qualifications, to "Z 1977, Teacher," this office. 20 C

PIANO Lessons Wanted, child, Pembroke district.—G 840, this office.

WANTED, after Easter, Gentlewoman, Protestant, well educated, Visiting Governess, two girls of eleven; 10 to 5.30.—Ledroy, Malahide.

WANTED, Teacher to teach young man Elocution; state terms; evening.—G 820, this office. 23 E

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

AS Useful Help—Young Lady, R.C., seeks position; highest references. Address "Z 1980, Help," this office. 19 B

A YOUNG Lady desires position in City Office, has had six months' experience as shorthand typist.—G 749, this office. 23 D

AS General or Help in Business, Grocery and Bar, and Help in House. Address "Z 2027, General," this office.

A LADY Housekeeper will give her services free for comfortable home, where maid kept.—Address "Z 2033, Housekeeper," this office.

CARPENTER does House Repairs and Alterations, neat and cheap.—J. Noian, Merrion Row Archway. [illegible]

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GIRL, 16, wishes to hear of vacancy in Office or Business House; knowledge shorthand, typing.—G 731, this office. 21 D

HOSIERY and Underclothing—Smart young Lady, presently engaged, wishes change; seven years' experience; excellent references. Address "Z 1976, Assistant," this office. 20 B

LADY Musician, with good references, open to engage; Private Concert Work; terms moderate.—G 723, this office. 21 D

Motor Matters, Bicycles &c.

MOTOR CARS.

ARIEL, 9 h.p. 2 Seater Chummy, little used, demonstration model, £150; Duplex Four Seater, 4 cylinder, £125; Briscoe 4 Seater, 18 h.p., little used, £70; Buckingham 10/12 h.p. 2/3 Seater, £70; Rover 1922 4/5 Seater, perfect and furnished, £250. All seen Watson's Garage, Trinity street. T

AT Woods', Westland Row—B.S.A. Cars fitted with Dunlop Engines. T

LINCOLN AND NOLAN, Ltd., 57 and 38 Lr. Baggot street, Dublin—Irish Free State Agents for Sunbeam Cars. T

ROVER CAR. 1921 Model, 12 h.p., 2-3 seater and dickey, full equipment, small mileage. Bargain, £175.

INSPECTION AND TRIAL.

W. G. WILKINSON, LIMITED (Late Rover Co., Ltd.), 16 LORD EDWARD STREET, DUBLIN.

SUNBEAM AND ANSALDO CARS. And Spare Parts. T. J. ROGERS, 42-5 SOUTH KING ST., DUBLIN. 2 T

TRIUMPH AND MATHIS CARS. Latest Models for Immediate Delivery. ANDREW J. DOYLE, Motor Engineer, 51 SOUTH KING STREET (next door Gaiety Theatre), DUBLIN. Telephone 2721. T

SINGER AND HILLMAN CARS. Sole Agent: BUCKLEY'S MOTORS, LTD., 34 LOWER ABBEY STREET, DUBLIN. T

STANDARD CARS. From £244 .... Agents: R. W. ARCHER and CO., 65 Lr. Mount st., Dublin. 19 X

CAR BARGAINS.

TALBOT LANDAULETTE	£70
FORD 2 SEATER	£35
FORD 1 TON TRUCK	£35
DAIMLER 24 LORRY	£125
OVERLAND	£90
ALBERT 2 SEATER	£170

ALLAN PATON, MOTOR ENGINEER, MESPIL ROAD, DUBLIN.

A SINGER Car, in good running order, electric light; £55. Apply J. Keating, 32 Lower Abbey street. 20 C

A 1924 RILEY Four Seater Car for Sale, in perfect condition, balloon tyres, painted dark blue.—Sanderson, 34 Lower Dominick street, Dublin. 20 C

BUICK 1924 4 Cylinder Five Seater Touring.—Lincoln and Nolan, Lower Baggot street. T

BUICK, 1923, 4 cylinder, perfect condition, just repainted; £255; seen any time.—G 809, this office. 23 E

BARGAIN—Albert Two Seater, very smart appearance, tax £9, p.s., petrol 40 m.p.g., speed 55 m.p.h., recently thoroughly overhauled, repainted and new hood and side curtains fitted, leather upholstery, five wire wheels, tyres as new, dynamo lighting, but little used by invalid owner; cost £550, price £75 cash, or £80 down and three monthly instalments of £10 each; any trial given. Apply G 842, this office. 23 E

CROSSLEY Coupe, 1921 model, perfect order; Moon Tourer, ideal hire car; Humber Four Seater, very cheap.—T. J. Rogers, 42/5 South King street, Dublin. 19 B

CHEVROLET De Luxe, in perfect order, balloon tyres, two spares, many extras; owner driven; to be seen Dublin; bargain, £140.—G 496, this office. 20 C

CITROEN Four Seater, French de Luxe body, 10 h.p. 1921 model; condition and tyres perfect, electric light and starter, numerous accessories. Seen 19 Iona Drive, Glasnevin. 20 C

CAR—1923 10 h.p. Coventry Premier, 4 seater, perfect running order.—Rothery, Stillorgan.—G 845, this office. 23 E

DRIVE Yourself—Ford Sedan for Hire, daily or weekly.—Nassau Motor Co., 23 Nassau street. 23 E

FOR all Motor Body Work and Painting.—The City Wheel and Carriage Works, Ltd., Great Brunswick street, Dublin. 10 T

FORD, 1922, English body, C.A.V. electric lighting and starter; cost £400; guaranteed perfect; bargain for quick sale.—Francis J. Carolan, Motor Agent, Dunshaughlin. 19 B

FOR Sale, a Unic Motor Taxi Cab, almost new, suitable for street business, in perfect order.—G 493, this office. 19 B

FOR Sale, Stoewer Landaulette, equipment, Smith's speedometer, 8-day clock, C.A.V. lights and Bosch magneto, in excellent condition.—E. Roberts, 60 Upper Leeson street. 23 E

FOR Sale, 1921 Five Seater Essex, good repair, new side curtains, drill covers, numerous tools, two spare rims; £300 or nearest offer; can be seen Dublin by arrangement. Address "Z 1985, Motor," this office. 20 C

FOR Sale, Two Seater Clement Bayard; electric light, new tyres. Apply Hughes, Hazelbrook, Rathfarnham. 20 C

FOUR Cylinder 1922 Buick, splendid condition throughout, five seater; any trial or examination; £210 for quick sale.—G 805, this office. 23 E

FOR Sale, Maxwell, late 1923; owner driven; perfect condition; any trial; best offer.—G 837, this office.

FORD Taxi, English body, detachable wire wheels, good order, £60.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green.

FOR Sale, Maxwell 5 Seater, Sports Model, 1924, as new, in perfect condition; can be seen in Dublin by appointment; expert examination and any trial solicited; owner buying smaller car; Price £280, or nearest offer. Address "Z 2033, Car," this office. 23 E

HUPMOBILE Tourer, very good condition.—Mulholland, 3a Lower Mount street, Dublin. 20 C

MORRIS Cowley 1924 Four Seater, exceptionally good condition, balloon tyres on rear wheels and four shock absorbers; carefully owner driven.—G. A. Brittain, Ltd., Hatch street, Dublin. 20 C

MORRIS Cowley, 1923, four seater, electric lighting and starting, all accessories, in splendid condition throughout; owner driven.—G. A. Brittain, Ltd., Hatch street, Dublin. 20 C

MOTOR Cars repainted, owners' garage, half cheap finished, high class finish.—G 828, this office. 20 B

MORRIS Oxford 2 Seater, electric lighting, good order, £75; Singer 1924 2 Seater, double dickey; and [illegible]; 1923, £80; Ford 2 Seater, 1922, £40; Bedford Buick 2 Seater, dynamo and starter, £75; Chevrolet 1921, £80; and others.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green.

SECONDHAND Four Seater Briscoe for Sale; engine in perfect running order; can be seen at any time; will be sold a bargain. What offers? Address "Z 1924, Brisco," this office. 19 B

TALBOT, 1924, 10/23 Four Seater for Sale; perfect order and condition; practically new.—G 824, this office. 20 C

MOTOR CARS CONTINUED.

VULCAN Three Seater, 1921, good condition; seen by appointment. Address "Z 1928, Motor," this office. 19 B

WOLSELEY De Luxe, 10 H.P. Four Seater, late 1923 model, completely overhauled, equal new; five tyres, almost new, all accessories; price £250.—G 735, this office. 21 D

4 SEATER Angus Sanderson Touring Car, fully equipped, electric light and starter, in first class order, £130.—G 835, this office. 23 E

8 H.P. Rover de Luxe, 1923, very small mileage, original tyres, perfect condition, many extras; £90.—G 745, this office. 23 C

10 H.P. Two Seater Wolseley, De Luxe, late 1924, double dickey seat, dark blue, run under 3,000 miles, condition as new, £285; no offers.—W 76, Irish Times Branch Office, Dun Laoghaire. 22 D

10 H.P. Two Seater Wolseley De Luxe, 1923, dark blue, in excellent condition, £180. Apply W 77, Irish Times Branch Office, Dun Laoghaire. 22 D

1922 FOUR Seater Cowley, electric starting and lighting, two spare wheels; bargain to prompt buyer.—G 650, this office. 20 C

1924 FOUR Cylinder Essex, 2/5 Seater, English body, dark green, perfect condition throughout; bargain to prompt buyer.—G 651, this office. 20 C

WANTED.

LIGHT modern Cars and Motor Bicycles Bought, Sold, or Exchanged.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green.

SALOON or Sedan, light make, modern type, Wanted; state make, year of manufacture, and condition. Address "Z 2004, Motor," this office. 21 D

WANTED, Morris; thorough examination essential; year immaterial; state price.—G 831, this office.

MOTOR CYCLES.

A1 NEW 1925 Models—Sunbeams, New Imperials, P. and M., including the famous Panther and Panther Cub Models. Some bargains in 1924 Models. Inspection invited.—Warte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street, Grafton street. T

AT Woods', Westland Row—B.S.A. Motor Cycles (four stroke), from 35 guineas. T

A J.S. Triumph and New Gerrard, from £39 18.—Walton, Trinity street Garage. T

ADVANCES on Motor Bikes, Cars, Jewels.—Gorman, Pawnbroker, Winetavern street (opposite Four Courts); new garage. T

AT Triumph Company's Depot, 12 Saint Andrew street—All repairs guaranteed. Full stock of spares. 8 19

BEST Value in the World—Trusty Triumph famous new Model P, 4.94 horse power, £42 17/-. Book orders early.—Triumph Company (Ireland), Ltd., 12 Saint Andrew street. 8 19

BLACKBURNE Combination, 1923, £45; Royal Enfield 2½ 1921 Combination, £35; Royal Enfield 2½ 1922, £25; Douglas 4 Combination, 1922, £45; Diamond 2½ 1923, £15.—Fitzgerald, 128 Stephen's Green.

DOUGLAS 2¾ 1923 model, all on, perfect order; cheap. After 6 p.m., 20 Belvidere place. 23 C

G. BRIGGS, Brough, superior Combination, complete with electric light, in perfect order.—Briggs and McCrea, 191 Pearse street.

HUMBER Motors, Molesworth place, for Velocettes; all models; three secondhand from £25; Raleigh Sports, £48; good Combination, £30. 23 E

MOTOR Cycle, two stroke, spring frame, Villiers 2½ engine, electric lights, perfect order; £25, offers.—R O 1641, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 19 B

MATCHLESS Combination, 8 h.p., electric light, speedometer, full kit of spares and tools; in perfect mechanical condition.—G 837, this office. 23 O

NORTON Combination, late 1923, in perfect order; £60.—Meagher's Cycle Works, Annaville, Ranelagh. 23 E

NEW Imperial, 2¾ h.p., 3 speed, clutch and kick-start; perfect order; £35.—47 Frankfort avenue. 23 C

TRIUMPH Motor Cycles—1925 Models in stock for immediate delivery. Advise book order immediately. Also, Spare Parts all Models.—Andrew J. Doyle, Triumph Motor Agent, 51 South King street, Dublin. Telephone 2721. T

TRIUMPH Company (Ireland), Ltd., 12 Saint Andrew street, Dublin—Immediate delivery all Models; trusty Triumph Motor Cycles from £42 8/9. 8 19

3½ NORTON, 1924, just overhauled, perfect order, also 2½ Matchless, 1924; both cheap.—Wallace Bros., Rathgar avenue. 20 C

1925 P. AND M. Panther Cub at very reduced price; only done 300 miles. Can be seen at Warte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street.

WANTED.

WANTED, Sports Enfield, late model; no dealers.—R O 1650, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 23 E

LORRIES, VANS, MOTOR AND STEAM HAULAGE.

COMMER Cars can now be obtained on the Hire Purchase System. Apply Collier, Main street, Bray, County Wicklow.

FOR Sale, Dennis 4 ton Lorry, in perfect order, recently overhauled and not used since, or Exchange for smaller machine, 20/30 cwt.—The Island Sawmills, Nenagh. 20 B

LORRY for Sale, Five Ton Commer Tipping, steel body, good working order; value.—Hughes, Hazelbrook, Rathfarnham. 20 C

MOTOR Delivery Van, Overland, well cared, good condition; used Dublin and suburbs; price £125. Fannin, 41 Grafton street. 19 B

MOTOR Hearse for Sale, in first class order, equal to new. Apply Dalton and Sons, Gorey, Co. Wexford. 19 B

PARTS for Thornycrofts, Albions, A.E.C., Dennis, Straker Squire, Peerless Lorries, Tylor and White and Poppe Engines; large stock.—Thompson, Thompson and Son, Ltd., 19 Lower Abbey street, Dublin, the Lorry Firm. 18 O

RANSOMES Rubber Tyred Trailers (4 wheel), for quick transit. On view, Ransomes, 54 Great Strand street, Dublin. 8 19

THREEWAY Hydraulic Tip 3 Ton Lorry for Hire.—Island Bridge Motor Co., Dublin. 19 B

TYRES—Solid Band Tyres fitted while you wait with latest electric hydraulic press.—Thompson, 19 Lower Abbey street, Dublin. 18 O

4 TON Karrier Lorry for Sale, in new condition, body with hinge sides and tail, new tyres all round.—Stokes, 64 Townsend street. 19 B

BODIES.

WANTED, Ford Landaulette Body; state lowest price and where seen.—G 789, this office. 23 C

ACCESSORIES, TYRES, ETC.

TO Ford Ton Truck Owners—Six 33 x 5 Dunlop Straight Sided Cord Covers and Tubes for Sale, slightly used; bargain.—G 841, this office. 23 E

BICYCLES.

A1 PEDAL Cycles by easy payments. Come and see them—Centaurs from £7; also Sunbeams, Sparkbrooks, B.S.A., Cyclo, Raleighs specially selected.—Warte Bros., Ltd., Lemon street. 'Phone 2010. T

GENT'S Raleigh Bicycle for Sale, good as new, 3 speed, oil bath, 1924 model; suit tall rider.—G 785, this office.

CHAUFFEURS, MECHANICS.

WANTED

GOOD all round Motor Mechanic Wanted for provincial town; must be a good blacksmith; state qualifications and wages expected. Address "Z 1958, Mechanic," this office. 19 B

GARAGE Foreman Wanted, business and mechanical knowledge, required in city.—G 833, this office. 23 E

WANTED, Chauffeur, Mechanic; none but thoroughly experienced man need apply.—Dreghorn, Tivoli road, Dalkey. 23 E

DISENGAGED

CHAUFFEUR, married, I.C., seeks situation; long experience different makes; understands horses; leaving through death of employer.—Roberts Grand, Belmont, Offaly. 23 C

CHAUFFEURS CONTINUED.

DISENGAGED

CHAUFFEUR, young, competent driver; repairs; half or whole time; highly recommended.—G 851, this office. 23 C

CHAUFFEUR disengaged, strict T.T., careful driver; married; running repairs; make himself generally useful; best references.—McDonnell, Wheeler's avenue, Ballintemple, Cork.

FIRST class Mechanic requires position, Manager, Garage Foreman, Demonstrator, Supervisor, or capable.—G 827, this office. 23 E

FIRST Class Chauffeur Mechanic, six years' experience all cars, wishes appointment, private or commercial, or in garage; very highly recommended; would call for interview at shortest notice. Apply McCall, c/o Hill, Motor Agent, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow. 23 C

SITUATIONS VACANT.

IRISH AGRICULTURAL WHOLESALE SOCIETY, LTD. WATERFORD BRANCH. MANAGER WANTED.

The services of a thoroughly competent, experienced Manager are required for the Society's new Branch at Waterford, and the person appointed will be required to take up his duties on 1st April, 1925. None but persons of the highest business capacity need apply. Applications, accompanied by testimonials, stating age, experience, and salary required, should be addressed not later than 5th March, 1925, to—THE SECRETARY, Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society, Ltd., 151-156 Thomas Street, DUBLIN.

THE COUNTY WESTMEATH COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION require a Whole-Time Teacher of Irish, possessing qualifications to satisfy the Department, to conduct Itinerant Courses in Irish at three or four centres within county, during classes of about three months in each course, two nights weekly at centres mentioned, and Teacher will be required to devote not less than 30 hours per week to actual class teaching. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum, exclusive of travelling expenses and other expenses. Duties to commence 23rd March. Applications, accompanied by evidence of qualification and copies of testimonials, to reach the undersigned not later than 9th March. M. CORCORAN, Secretary, Technical School, Mullingar.

A SMART young Man required; applicant will be trained for position as Traveller; state age; copies references.—G 802, this office.

CHURCH Choir—Tenor Wanted for suburban Parish Church (C.I.); usual duties, weekly choir practice. Address "Z 1969, Tenor," this office. 20 C

CASHIER Bookkeeper Wanted immediately; lady preferred, but must have previous experience.—Remington Typewriter Co., Ltd., 3 College street, Dublin.

CONFECTIONERY—Counter Girl Wanted; must have good experience.—Broadway Soda Fountain, 8 Lr. O'Connell street.

CITY Office—Wanted a smart Young Lady; must be a neat writer; good shorthand and typist; state salary required and experience (if any).—G 852, this office.

CEYLON, Africa, South America, etc.—Clerks, Engineers, Fitters, Mining, Railway, Factory Employees, and others seeking permanent appointments abroad should send stamped envelope for particulars of vacancies and full list of vacancies.—Percy Coates and Co., Colonial Dept., 325 High Holborn, London. X

DRAPERY—Wanted, experienced young Lady for General Drapery, with knowledge Millinery, good provincial town; state experience, religion, salary indoor. Address "Z 1997, Assistant," this office. 21 D

ELECTRICAL Engineering and Wireless Instrument Makers.—Well educated youth, over 15, with an aptitude for accurate work, Wanted.—G 780, this office. 23 E

LADY Canvasser Wanted, Ladies' Wear; experienced only need apply.—Wilmour and Co., 35 Henry street (Second Floor).

MILLINER and Saleswoman—Wanted, capable, experienced Milliner and Saleswoman for provincial department; Protestant. Apply, with full particulars and giving copies of references, to "Z 2026, Milliner," this office. 23 E

OCEAN Liners—Stewards or Stewards, Stewardesses, Clerks, write Cook, Ship street, Brighton. 8 16

ORGANIST Wanted for St. Thomas's Parish; Amerl. can organ. Apply Honorary Secretary, St. Thomas's Vestry, Marlborough street.

PUBLIC Auditor wanted to audit 1924 accounts; turnover £14,000. Reply, stating terms, to Inch Co-op. Dairy Society, Co. Wexford.

START a Business in Drapery, etc., from £1 upwards. Special attention to widows and beginners; here living. Write for advice and list, E. Levaine, Dept. G, 143 Houndsditch, London, E.1. X

STATIONERY Assistant Wanted, with knowledge of printing; state salary required.—G 746, this office. 23 D

SALESMAN—Wanted, capable Salesman for Outfitting Department (Protestant). Apply, with copies of references and stating age, religion and salary expected, "Z 2025, Salesman," this office. 23 E

SALESMAN Demonstrator required for Ford department; good prospects for worker; Southern town; state wages and particulars. Address "Z 2021, Salesman," this office. 23 E

WANTED, Lady Bookkeeper, good writer, quick; experience in city grocery trade preferred; state salary expected.—G 572, this office. 19 B

WANTED, Manager for Picture House, Dublin; must have good references and experience.—G 674, this office. 20 C

WANTED, Sand Pit Manager to oversee men, and take charge of office; Dublin vicinity; state salary.—Box E 7251, Kenny's Advertising Agency, Dublin.

WANTED, Man, with own motor cycle, to Sell Seed round city and county of Dublin; state salary and commission.—Box E 7251, Kenny's Advertising Agency, Dublin. 20 B

WANTED, good Rack and Push Bench Sawyer; must be quick and steady; state wages; none but good hand apply. Address "Z 1992, Sawyer," this office.

WANTED, reliable Mother's Help; farmer's daughter preferred. Apply Mrs. Cotton, Ballinvalley House, Killeigh, Tullamore, King's County. 23 E

WANTED, smart young Girl for Cash Desk; one with some experience of confectionery preferred.—G 839, this office.

WANTED immediately, thoroughly experienced Charge Hand for high class Sweet Business; no other but experienced hand need apply; send copies of references.—G 839, this office.

WANTED a Lady Housekeeping Partner (Church of Ireland preferred) in a provincial town near Belfast. Address "Z 2020, Partner," this office. 23 E

WE require experienced Counter Server, who understands Fruit business; character must bear strictest investigation.—Morgan's Fruit Market, Talbot street. 23 E

WANTED immediately, experienced Mastic Asphalt Spreaders. Apply South of Ireland Asphalt Co., Ltd., 7 Lower Abbey street, Dublin. 23 E

WANTED, General Manager for Mill, West of Ireland. Apply, stating experience and salary required, "Z 2041, Manager," this office. 23 D

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

LEGAL—Wanted immediately, first class Managing Assistant; country; good salary right man. Address, stating salary expected, "Z 1925, Legal," this office.

LAW Clerk Wanted in Dublin Solicitor's Office; state qualifications and salary.—G 654, this office. 20 C

OFFICE Boy Wanted by Dublin solicitors; must be well educated.—G 287, this office. 23 E

SOLICITOR'S Clerk—Smart young man (Protestant), wishing to get on in life, with sound business and good experience, capable of doing Sessions Clerk, Land registration of title work and probates, simple conveyances, etc. (shorthand and typewriting an advantage), required for Provincial Office. Free State; must be steady and respectable. Apply, with copies testimonials and state salary expected, to "Z 1941, Clerk," this office. 19 X

WANTED, a competent Man to prepare Schedules of Title and other Documents necessary for Sales under Land Purchase Acts.—G 882, this office. 19 B

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

INVENTIVE WOMEN.

(By D.M.L.)

AT an exhibition held some months ago it was noticed that several of the very ingenious exhibits were the inventions of women.

One of the things mentioned at the time was a bed that grew with the child who occupied it, and thus served as cradle, cot and bed in turn, instead of being discarded when its owner grew taller. Then one remembers that in the course of the European War a particularly fast type of torpedo boat was invented by a woman, and was used very extensively in Naval operations.

But there are also many articles of common everyday use that are really the fruit of some woman's brain, although in many cases a man has got all the credit for the invention, the patent having been taken out in his name.

Elias Howe has for many years been regarded as the benefactor of all seamstresses by his supposed invention of the sewing machine. As a matter of fact, the inventor was Mrs. Elias Howe, who waited in patient poverty for fourteen years while her husband struggled unsuccessfully to perfect his idea.

At the end of that time the housewife made up her mind that unless some money was made immediately their financial position would be a very serious one; and in a few hours she had accomplished that which had baffled Elias Howe for years.

The famous Jacquard loom, used so largely in the weaving of silk and of poplin, was invented by Mrs. Jacquard; while Mrs. General Greene invented the cotton gin that reduced so considerably the labour of saving the crop and increased the output so tremendously.

The printer's roller was the invention of a woman, and also the trolley switch that made trolleys possible.

Mr. McCormick, world-famed for the agricultural machinery bearing his name, once said that he and his son tried many times, but failed, to invent a reaping machine. A woman of West Virginia then came forward, and taking a number of shears, she nailed them to the edge of a board, leaving one shaft of each pair loose. She next wired them, so that when she pulled the wire one way it closed the shears, and opened them when pulled the other way.

This is the exact principle on which the reaping machine works, although, of course, the original idea has been greatly improved upon.

DESIGN FROM PARIS.

"Crêpe Marocain" in a dull Bordeaux colouring expresses this elegant evening gown. The tunic is bordered with a band of satin of a matching colour, and there is an inset section of the same on the corsage, together with a trimming of light *soutache.*

THE CHAMELEON GIRL.

DO you happen to number any human chameleons among your friends? There are heaps of them abounding everywhere, and Barbara, a friend of mine, is a singularly pronounced type of this peculiar specimen of womanhood. Barbara seems to be cursed by the Demon of Irresolution, and is so easily swayed by other people's ideas, or her own second or third, or even tenth thoughts, that this trait in her character becomes an irritating affliction both to herself and her companions.

At lunch, for example, at a restaurant she will order and counter-order till everyone's patience is exhausted; and I have seen her, driven to desperation by her own indecision, shut her eyes and ask the waitress for whatever her finger first hits upon! That method, at least, was conclusive; but she invariably bemoaned the choice when it arrived, remarking how much more appetising my dish appeared to be, although there was nothing to prevent her ordering it when I did!

It is the same with clothes. Whenever Barbara wants to purchase a new frock or hat or shoes, she asks the advice of all her relations, and very often her friends also, with what inevitable result? Every one of them has quite a different idea, each of whom she agrees with in turn. One of them, however, who proves more enthusiastic, or perhaps whose advice has not been sought and disregarded too often, pushes Barbara into her way of thinking, only to be met a short time afterwards with wails from Barbara, who now deplores not having pursued some alternative course.

It is women such as these who plant the belief firmly in the minds of many that we are not worthy or capable of having a vote. And, logically enough, too; for the voter who never has any definite opinions that will last longer than an hour or two may meet a friend *en route* to the polling booth, who possesses a stronger character than her own, and can, therefore, easily bring her round to another point of view—for the time being, at any rate. And those are the kind of votes that might as well be unrecorded. It is not that Barbara is insincere, or an unpleasant friend. No! It is that she will not assert her own individuality, but deliberately lays herself open to every influence or suggestion that assails her. But this trait in her character is bound to hurt Barbara more than her friends in the long run. It may be harmless not to know one's own mind on any subject, when one is young, and surrounded by relations and friends who only wish one well, and who only seek one's happiness; but the world is a hard place that does not take long to discover weaknesses, and too frequently plays upon them to its own special advantage.

Chameleons are no good in any cause; they cannot succeed in any undertaking, for no matter how zealous they may be at first, they are so thoroughly unreliable that their services can be of no use. And so, when next you meet a chameleon, as you will, try to help her, by making her think and act and reason out for herself, and by so doing you will be laying the foundation stone of her cure—for cured she can be, as much as from some bodily disease. P. W.

FOR THE COOK.

MOCK DUCK.

Take three pounds steak cut in one piece, sage and onion stuffing, pepper and salt, and a few strips of pork. Make a deep slit towards the middle from the side, fill it lightly with the stuffing; cover the top of the stuffing with strips of pork, and bake rather slowly for three hours, tasting very frequently.

HARICOT MUTTON.

Take two pounds breast of mutton, flour, dripping, two sliced onions, one cup parboiled potatoes, one cup boiled macaroni, and one cup fresh peas. Cut the mutton in pieces, roll in flour, and fry in a little fat on the pan; then cover with boiling water and simmer till very tender. Half an hour before the meat is cooked add all the other ingredients, and simmer till all are cooked, and serve hot.

TASTY EGG RECIPES.

BAKED EGGS WITH MINCED HAM.

Take eggs, pepper and salt to taste, minced ham and finely chopped parsley. Break the eggs, and to each egg add pepper and salt and a little minced ham and parsley. Well-butter tiny earthenware dishes, and place one egg in each. Bake in a hot oven until the white of egg is set. Remove from the dish, and serve on hot buttered toast.

FRICASSEED EGGS.

Take one tablespoonful flour, two tablespoonfuls butter, one sprig finely chopped parsley, six small mushrooms (cut in dice), half pint milk, six hard-boiled eggs (cut in rings), and salt and pepper to taste. Put the butter in a saucepan, and melt; add the flour and stir constantly; then the milk, parsley, pepper and salt, and the mushrooms. Simmer for ten minutes, add the eggs, and serve at once.

SCRAMBLED EGGS WITH TOMATOES.

Take six eggs, half pound tomatoes, buttered toast, and pepper and salt to taste. Peel the tomatoes, and stew until tender with a little water; season. Beat the eggs, and stir them lightly with the tomatoes, and serve on the toast.

STUFFED EGGS.

Take six hard-boiled eggs, a little finely chopped parsley, a little finely grated ham, and pepper and salt to taste. After boiling the eggs hard, plunge them in cold water for a few minutes; take off the shells, cut a piece off the top and a tiny piece off the bottom of each egg; scoop out the yolk carefully, and mix it with the pepper, salt and ham. Fill the eggs with the mixture, pour over a little melted butter, arrange in a dish, and put in the oven to heat. Serve each egg on a piece of fried bread.

PUFF EGGS.

Take six eggs, hot lard, and hot toast. Beat the eggs to a stiff froth. Have ready the boiling lard, drop into the lard a spoonful at a time, and fry quickly. Serve at once on rounds of buttered toast.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED CONTINUED.

MOST respectable Widow wishes post as Mother's Help, housework, cooking; experienced with children; recommended.—Yellow House, Rathfarnham. 20 C

POSITION as Companion, Nursery Governess, Lady's Help required; applicant unobligated; good references.—G 630, this office. 20 C

POULTRY or Dairy—Lady, trained, experienced, capable of taking charge.—G 640, this office. 20 C

PAINTING, Paperhanging, Carpentry, Plastering, Glazing; highest reference.—Tate, rear 49 Mountjoy square. 20 C

RENT Collector open to take on other properties, accounts, debts; private inquiries.—G 504, this office. 15 B

RESPECTABLE young Lady, with good experience of General Drapery, wishes to hear of vacancy in good house; trustworthy and obliging. Address "Z 2010, Assistant," this office.

SHORTHAND Typist—Educated young lady, good knowledge of Irish, most efficient shorthand Typist, or Bookkeeper desires change; excellent references.—G 830, this office. 23 C

YOUTH, with five years' railway clerical experience, desires position; would consider anything. Address "Z 1973, Youth," this office. 20 C

YOUNG man wants Employment Stores, Warehouse; generally useful any capacity; good writer; recommended.—G 867, this office. 23 E

YOUNG Man, with 10 years' drapery and clerking experience, wishes position; small salary; Protestant.—G 761, this office. 23 E

MALE SERVANTS WANTED.

MARRIED Couple Wanted for small family in country town, wife cook, man general indoor and small garden; good wages. Address "Z 1972, Couple," this office. 19 B

RABBIT Trapper—Wanted, one good Man, with own gear, for about two months; state weekly wages and references.—W. Trench, Cangort, Kilcormac. 19 B

WANTED, first class Farmer's Man, with knowledge of gardening; age under; good wages to suitable man.—McKeever, Dunmanway, Kerry. 19 B

WANTED, Under Gamekeeper; Protestant; married; must be good trapper.—Captain Bruen, Bagenalstown, Carlow. 21 B

WANTED, married couple, for Killiney, Butler House Servant, wife cook; between-maid kept. Send copies, particulars, to G 795, this office. 23 X

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED

WANTED, a young Man, Protestant, as Garden Labourer; must be a good worker; milk; together; light and small.—G 843, this office. 23 E

WANTED Gardener and General Man, not after motor; indoor; Dublin.—G 853, this office. 23 E

MALE SERVANTS DISENGAGED.

BUTLER Valet, R.C., experienced, seeks situation; best references. Address "Z 1935, Butler," this office. 17 B

EXPERIENCED young General Man disengaged; excellent refs.—Blackwood's, 41 Lr. Mount st. 23 E

GAMEKEEPER Caretaker seeks re-engagement; good trapper; handy at carpentry, painting, etc.; situations of cook's; understand entire gentleman's [illegible]; Protestant, married, no family. Address "Z 1959, Gamekeeper," this office. 20 C

GAMEKEEPER, life experience, active man, Protestant, married.—Martin, 35 Lower Mount street, Dublin. 23 E

MARRIED Man, Protestant, seeks post as Steward or Assistant Steward; well recommended. Apply Holywood O'Connor, Enniskerry, Co. Wicklow. 20 C

PLOUGHMAN, young, married; good experience all farm machinery; good carpenter; well recommended. Address "Z 2016, Man," this office. 23 E

MALE SERVANTS CONTINUED

RABBIT Trapper open to engagement; no traps; can be highly recommended; state terms. Address "Z 1962, Trapper," this office. 20 C

RABBIT Trapper, Caretaker, gentleman's place; excellent trapper; highest reference; make himself generally useful. Address "Z 1996, Trapper," this office. 21 D

RESPECTABLE single Man seeks position as Yard or General Man, good milker and ploughman; excellent copies.—417, Irish Times Branch Office, Blackrock. 22 D

RESPECTABLE married Couple desire position, wife housework, cook, or dairy, poultry; understands ensilage; man generally useful. Address "Z 2002, Couple," this office. 21 D

RESPECTABLE, reliable Boy, used indoor or outdoor, can milk, plain gardening; highly recommended.—Patrick Dooley, Ardagh, Bilboa, Carlow. 23 C

YOUNG Man as General Farm Labourer or Carter, in country; good references; married; Protestant.—G 765, this office.

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED.

GOOD Plain Gardener, General Man, desires situation; milk, mind pony; Wife generally useful in house; no family. Address "Z 1955, Gardener," this office. 20 C

GARDENER, Head Working, or Single-handed, experienced in all branches, single, Protestant, prime of life; age 32; highly recommended.—Gardener, The Lodge, Prospect House, Waterford. 23 E

GARDENER General, experienced fruit, flowers, vegetables, milk; family two; highly recommended.—G 850, this office. 23 E

GARDENER, experienced all branches, particulars seeks day per week engagement.—Address, Terenure, Dublin. 23 E

GARDENER and General Man seeks situation; well recommended.—R 66, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

GARDENER and General Man (milk if required) wants situation, daily or weekly; wages 30/- weekly; well recommended.—287 Irish Times Branch Office, Baggot street Bridge.

GARDENER (Working), experienced all branches; highly recommended; state wages, with house and allowance.—Gardener, Carnelly, Clarecastle.

HEAD Gardener or Land Steward, experienced in all branches, desires engagement; understands fully every phase of indoor and outdoor work in both lines. Apply for particulars, in the first instance, to L. M., c/o M. Rowan and Co., 51-52 Capel street, Dublin. 23 E

LAND Steward or General Manager desires engagement; stock, tillage, forests, and accounts; first class references.—G 43, this office. 19 B

LADY, giving up house, strongly recommends Gardener and General Man; wife excellent cook, poultry. Address "Z 2029, Gardener," this office.

PLAIN Gardener desires situation; milk cow, generally useful; conditions; highly recommended.—Gardener. Address "Z 2011, Gardener," this office.

STEWARD Gardener open to engagement, highest qualifications in both departments; single and state terms, testimonials.—G 44, this office. 19 B

STEWARD, Working, open to engagement; experienced in stock, tillage, and machinery; married, no encumbrance; highest references.—Steward, 2 Charleville avenue, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. 19 B

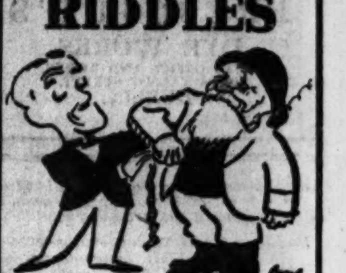
STRONG respectable Boy, Protestant, 16, wants situation, to assist in garden, mind pony and trap. Address "Z 2007, Gardener," this office. 22 B

DOMESTICS WANTED.

MISS Clifford, 5 Sth. Frederick street, wants immediately trained C Gens., Gens., and H. P'maids.

WANTED, superior, young Sewingmaid, children's; must be well recommended; Dalkey.—G 787, this office. 21 B

SKIPPER RIDDLES



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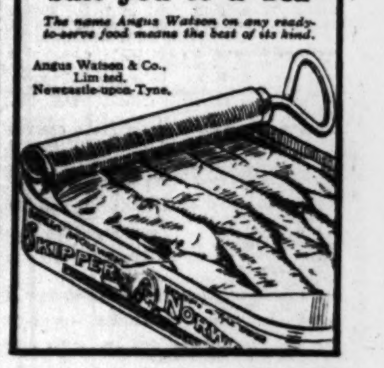

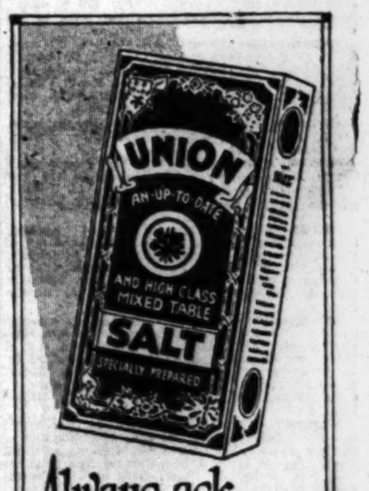

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WANTED, Help or General; country; no heavy washing; £24; fare advanced.—Hogan, Come Lawn, Tewkesbury. 23 A

WANTED, settled Protestant Woman to take charge of old lady (not invalid); state experience and wages.—G 810, this office.

WANTED, a strong young Girl for general housework; outdoor.—1 Newington terrace, Castlewood avenue, Rathmines. 23 C

YOUNG Girl, 15-20, to assist light Housework and mind children; good home; country girl preferred.—G 331, this office. 17 B

VACANCIES FOR SERVANTS.

There are many vacancies in the REGISTRY of the "Irish Times" for all classes of Trained and Untrained Servants. Good wages offered. No fee charged. MATRON can recommend comfortable Homes where Servants can stay while waiting for situations. T

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

A NUMBER Cooks, £25 to £55; also hotels, 50/-.—Kennedy's, 68 Sackville street.

COOK General and House Parlourmaid required; must be experienced; three in family and governess; gas cooker; gardener does boots, etc.; 25 miles from London; good wages. All particulars and photo to Mrs. Boys, Arbon Grove, Chertsey, Surrey. 20 C

COOK General Wanted on earliest date; must be well recommended; house parlourmaid and outdoor man kept. Reply, with references, stating age, wages, to Mr. R. Shannon, Raheen, Clonmel. 21 D

COOK Housekeeper or Cook General, also House Parlourmaid for Co. Kerry, two in family; quiet country place. Send copies of papers to Mrs. Hewson, Castle, Ardfert.

GOOD Cook General Wanted for England, wages £30; must have good papers. Apply Mrs. Barbrook, Charing, Kent.

WANTED, Cook General for County Limerick; two other maids kept; good wages if suitable. Please send copies references; state age, religion, wages expected. Address "Z 1828, Cook General," this office. 17 B

WANTED for England, bright, cheerful Cook General, no washing, small family; modern house; wages £40, commence; interview Dublin.—G 818, this office. 19 B

WANTED, 14th March, for bachelor's house, County Monaghan, good Cook General, male or female; £40; state age, religion; send copies papers and photograph.—Whiteside, Dane, 24 Onslow Gardens, London, S.W.7. 19 B

WANTED, Cook General for country town, small family, quiet situation; good wages. Address "Z 1973, Cook," this office. 20 B

WANTED, Cook General; good plain cook; actively early riser; must have good references.—Balbriggan; £35.—G 812, this office. 23 C

WANTED at once, young Cook General; two in family; wages £30; one disengaged essential. Apply before 3 o'clock or after 6 to Mrs. Carruthers, 19 Palmerston Park, Dublin.

WANTED by March 9, good Cook General, also House Parlourmaid shortly afterwards; ages 30-40; small house and family. Send copies of discharges, stating ages, wages and religion, to Miss Colvill, Holywell, Malahide, County Dublin. T

WANTED, Cook and House Parlourmaid, for N. Tipperary, sisters or friends between; send copies, particulars, to G 793, this office. 23 X

YOUNG experienced Cook Wanted for Tullamore; small family; R.C.; good wages. Address "Z 1960, Cook," this office. 20 C

£30 PER Year—Experienced Cook General Wanted at once for Kent; twice to London; extra help hired; Irish servant kept; near door.—Mrs. Stanford, 30 Bromley avenue, Bromley, Kent. 20 B

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DOMESTICS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2.

GENERALS WANTED

ANY number Generals, Dublin London; £25 to £40. Kennedy's, 68 Sackville street.

CAPABLE General Wanted ... Apply 102 S.C.R., Portobello.

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HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED

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NURSES WANTED

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DOMESTICS DISENGAGED

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COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS DISENGAGED

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SPORTS AND PASTIMES

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SPECIFIC ARTICLES

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PETRIE BROTHERS, MANUFACTURERS, 35, 36 and 37 USHER'S QUAY, DUBLIN.

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WIRELESS BROADCASTING, ETC.

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SPECIFIC ARTICLES WANTED

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MACHINERY

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YACHTS, BOATS, ETC.

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DRESS AND COSTUME

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POULTRY, CAGE BIRDS, DAIRY

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GARDEN, FARM, SEED, ETC.

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TIMBER

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FURNITURE

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MUSIC, PIANOS, ETC.

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HORSES, HARNESS, ETC.

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VEHICLES

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CATTLE, LIVE STOCK

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DOGS

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PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS

CATTLE

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GRAIN

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PROVISIONS

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LONDON CENTRAL MEAT.—[illegible]

LIVERPOOL.—[illegible]

LIVERPOOL REFINED LARD FUTURES.—[illegible]

DUBLIN POTATO.—[illegible]

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—[illegible]

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—[illegible]

PRODUCE

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LONDON METALS MARKET.
TIN WEAKER.

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IMMATURE POTATOES FOR SEED.

A USEFUL SUGGESTION.

Writing to Mr. P. Hogan, Minister for Lands and Agriculture, Mr. William Cotter, potato merchant, Dublin, says:—

"Now I want to impress upon your good self and the Department a matter of supreme importance, and that is the fitness for seed of all those potatoes that did not reach maturity. These, if carefully and well handled and being free from disease, will make the finest of seed, and may be planted again with every confidence. The leading growers at home and abroad are now on the look-out for this class of seed. So much is this the case that potatoes grown by specialists on a large scale for seed have the "stalks" (haulm) cut off long before reaching maturity, and so securing a condition somewhat similar to that experienced by growers in the country on the clay and peat lands this season."

PEDIGREE CATTLE SALE.

JERSEY HERD FOR DISPERSAL.

At Ballyowen, Clondalkin, to-morrow, Messrs. Dockrell will disperse the entire herd of sixty-three pedigree Jersey cattle belonging to Mr. Ernest Bewley. Without exception, every beast is the produce of cattle imported direct from Jersey, and the record of the herd in the showyard should be sufficient to bring together a large company in search of high-class Jerseys.

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On Friday next the herd of pure-bred large white York pigs will be sold. Intending purchasers will be conveyed to Ballyowen by char-à-banc from Parkgate street on both days of the sale.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Tuesday, February 24, 1925.

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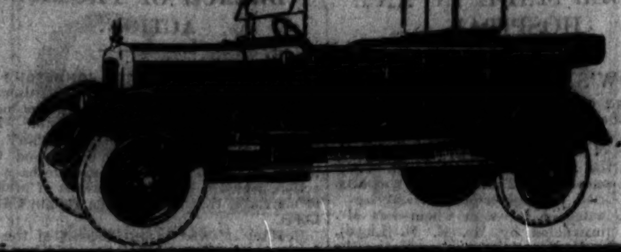
Harold Walker Robinson, who resided at St. Mary's, Westwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds, a member of the firm of Messrs. G. and R. Robinson and Co., Ltd., linen manufacturers, York Place, was found drowned in Adel dam last Saturday. He had been missing since the previous night. His motor car was found abandoned in a bridle path leading to the dam. He was fifty years of age, and a widower with four children.



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"Skippers" ... to a Tea

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WIDOW'S UNSUCCESSFUL SUIT.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE O'SHAUGHNESSY.)

Mrs. Mary Josephine Flynn, widow of the testator, the late Andrew Augustine Flynn, Auditor of the Local Government Board, brought the action to have the will of the testator condemned. The defendant was Mrs. Doris O'Brien, a daughter of the testator.

Mr. Denning, K.C., with whom was Mr. Moonan (instructed by Mr. E. M. Lloyd), opening the defendant's case in support of the will, said that the will, which was dated 4th December, 1922, was very short. In it the testator left all his property to his two daughters, one of whom was the defendant. The will was proved in common form, but Mrs. Flynn, the widow, now sought to have probate recalled and to have it declared that Mr. Flynn died intestate. The plaintiff was not the defendant's mother, but was the second wife of Mr. Flynn. His first wife died in 1911, and the defendant and her sister were the two children of that marriage. He married the plaintiff on 29th January, 1919, and they lived together until 23rd July, 1919, when they separated, and they never even corresponded with each other after that date. Mr. Flynn's assets consisted of policies of insurance upon his life and of stocks and shares, the most valuable of which were Guinness and Coats. The total assets were £4,898 5s. 1d., but his debt amounted to £4,312, so that his net assets on those figures were £586. In addition he would receive £600 from the Local Government Board, so that his assets might be put down as £1,186. He had derived the stocks and shares from his first wife. The real question in the case was whether the will was duly executed. Mr. Flynn died about half an hour after the execution of the will. Mr. McCarron, Secretary to the Local Government Department, who knew the testator well, drew the will and executed it. Mr. Flynn had lived in Rathmines with his two daughters. On Friday, December 1st, he complained of illness. He was afterwards taken to the Elpis Private Hospital, Lower Mount street, and operated on for an internal trouble. The following Monday was the date of the will. Towards 9 p.m. he requested a nurse to get Mr. McCarron. When Mr. McCarron arrived testator said that he wanted to leave his property to his two daughters. Mr. McCarron got a piece of paper and wrote the document, which was on a half-sheet of notepaper. It was as follows:—"Elpis Private Hospital. I leave all my property of every kind to my dearly-beloved daughters, Doris and Verina, and revoke all former wills." Mr. Flynn was propped up in bed, and Mr. McCarron read the will to him and asked him was that what he wanted, and Mr. Flynn said "Yes." Mr. Flynn's signature was incomplete, but there was no doubt that what he signed was intended by him as his signature. Mr. McCarron and Nurse Holmes witnessed the will, and Mr. McCarron was positive that at the time Mr. Flynn was perfectly capable of appreciating the fact that they were signing as witnesses. That he intended to leave his property to his daughters was indicated by a little document to his daughter Doris which he left behind him when going on a journey on 11th July, 1920, as follows:—"Should anything unforeseen happen to me on this trip, I leave everything I die possessed of between you and Verina."

Mr. E. P. McCarron gave evidence of drawing up the will and reading it to Mr. Flynn, who collapsed while signing it.

Cross-examined by Mr. M. Comyn, K.C., with whom were Messrs. Vincent Rice, K.C., G. C. Cullinan and A. Lynn (instructed by Mr. F. F. Cullinan), who appeared for the plaintiff, the witness said that he could not say the exact words used by Mr. Flynn, but they were to the effect that he wanted to leave his property to his daughters.

Sir Thomas Myles stated that the first operation on the deceased man was performed on December 1st, and a second on the evening of December 4th, about 5 p.m. The witness, after the second operation, went back twice to see Mr. Flynn, but had no recollection of meeting Mr. McCarron. When witness last saw Mr. Flynn he was alive and moribund, obviously not far from the end.

Mrs. Doris O'Brien, the defendant, stated that her father always said that he would leave his property to her and her sister. After the plaintiff left the house on 23rd July, 1919, no correspondence, as far as witness knew, passed between the plaintiff and the witness's father.

The witness said that it was a money matter between them, because her father married her stepmother for her money.

Did he tell you that—Yes; I knew it.

The plaintiff's case, Mr. Comyn said, was that at the time that the will was executed the testator was dead. The reason that the testator did not settle his affairs when he was well was because he thought that the law made a good division between his daughters and wife—share and share alike. The girls, counsel submitted, made the plaintiff's life a misery, and the reason why she left the house was because of that and because her husband took their part.

Olive Kathleen Holmes, nursing sister in the Elpis Hospital, stated that she was most of the time with testator after he underwent the second operation on 4th December. Mr. Flynn told her that he was anxious to make things all right for his little daughters, and she said she would try to get Mr. McCarron to come to him. Mr. McCarron arrived about an hour afterwards. He asked Mr. Flynn what he wanted, and Mr. Flynn said that he wanted to make things all right and settle his property on his daughters. Mr. McCarron read the will to him, and Mr. Flynn assented to it.

Was that by speech or by nod?—I think he said "Yes."

The witness said that Mr. Flynn proceeded to sign his name, but collapsed over the last letter or two. Mr. McCarron and she signed immediately afterwards.

When did the man die?—That question I cannot answer. You could only say that if you were listening to his heart with a stethoscope.

Did he move after that?—I have no memory as to whether he moved again or not.

But he never recovered?—He never spoke again.

His Lordship—What do you mean by collapse?—He lost the power to hold the pen, and I should say lost the power to speak.

Mr. John M. Hassett, the plaintiff's brother, manager of the National Bank at Limerick, said that in September, 1919, Mr. Flynn told him that the plaintiff was very good-natured, and he had no fault to find with her. When witness said that she was placed in a very embarrassing position owing to having to leave him, Mr. Flynn said that he would make that good and allow her one-third of his property or means.

To his Lordship, the witness said that his sister was comparatively well off, but he could not say what her means were.

The jury found that the will was a proper one on all grounds, and it was accordingly admitted to probate.

His Lordship reserved his decision as to the question of costs until this morning.

TIRED—WEAK NERVOUS

All those distressing symptoms that make up the complaint commonly called "weak nerves," in nine cases out of ten can be banished in a few hours by a dose of Cockle's Pills. Low spirits, that tired feeling, headache, peevishness, nervous tremors, and that sinking squeamish sensation in the stomach, are due to the irritant action of toxins or poisons in your blood. The surest and quickest remedy for this condition is Cockle's Pills. They are specially prepared to counteract these poisons, to clear them out of your blood and out of your system, and to keep you strong and cheerful instead of continually languid and despondent. Get a box of Cockle's Pills to-day, take two to-night, and you will feel like a new being in the morning. Small pill, new size, of all chemists.

BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE JOHNSTON.)

In the case of Miss Helena Richardson, of "Glen View," Richmond road, Drumcondra, Dublin, against Edwin J. Kerr, of "Elm Lodge," Richmond road, Mr. Sainsbury (instructed by Messrs. John Clark and Co.) moved on behalf of the defendant to have the action, which is for alleged breach of promise of marriage, transferred to the Dublin Circuit Court.

Counsel referred to an affidavit of the defendant, who stated that there had not been any breach of promise on his part, but that, owing to a nervous breakdown, the marriage was postponed, and the plaintiff, getting impatient, consulted her solicitor. On the 4th December last his solicitor wrote to the plaintiff's solicitor stating that he was willing to carry out his engagement with the plaintiff whenever she would appoint, and that he had tried to see her to tell her this, but that the plaintiff's mother would not allow him to see her. He said that he had a good defence to the action.

The plaintiff, in an affidavit, stated that the defendant refused to marry her, on the 24th November, 1924. He had previously stated to her that he wished he could get a girl with £1,000, and had shown her by his manner and conduct generally that he was looking for an excuse to get out of his promise to marry her. The marriage was originally fixed for the 2nd September, 1924, the plaintiff stated in her affidavit, and at the request of the defendant, in June, 1924, she left her position as book-keeper to Messrs. Watkins, Jameson, Pim and Co., Ltd., where she was employed for over five years at a salary of £176 a year. Her employers suggested that she should keep on her position after her marriage, but the defendant objected to this, and her employers engaged another book-keeper. She had spent over £100 on her trousseau for the wedding and for furniture for the house that they were to live in after their marriage. Furniture to the value of £27, purchased by her, was still in the defendant's possession. The defendant was employed as a clerk at Messrs. S. and T. Crampton's at Ballsbridge at a salary of £234 yearly. He was the owner of the house which he occupied at Elm Lodge, Richmond road, and of the adjoining house, which he had let to a tenant at £54 a year, and in addition he was the owner of a plot of building ground in the vicinity.

Mr. Bewley (instructed by Messrs. James O'Connor and Co.), who opposed the application on behalf of the plaintiff, said that the plaintiff's case was that the excuse which was being made by the defendant was not *bona fide*.

Mr. Justice Johnston said that he did not wish to prejudice the trial of the action by saying anything about the amount of damages that might be recovered, but the case was hardly one that he could transfer, and accordingly the motion must be refused.

QUARRYMAN'S ACTION.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY BY UNION.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE JOHNSTON.)

An application for an order for the discovery of documents, made by Mr. Herbert Hare (instructed by Mr. William Caulfield, Wexford) on behalf of Matthew Banville, road contractor, quarryman and farmer, plaintiff in an action against Patrick J. O'Rourke and others and the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, was granted. Counsel said that the action was for alleged conspiracy on the part of the defendants to deprive the plaintiff of his means of living.

SHIPPING CLERK'S CLAIM.

THE RIGHT OF PENSION.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE MURNAGHAN.)

In the matter of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, now in liquidation, an application was made on behalf of Mr. Murtagh Horan, shipping clerk, of 13 Guild street, North Wall, Dublin, formerly an employé of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company, for an order giving him liberty to commence an action in the High Court against the company for damages for wrongful dismissal.

It appeared from his affidavit that the applicant entered the service of the company as a clerk on 21st June, 1884. The terms of his appointment were 10s. per week, with the right of superannuation, which then was given to every member of the staff of the City of Dublin Steam Packet Company. He remained in the service of the company till the year 1919. During that time he got promotion, and at the time when the company put an end to his service he was being paid £315 per annum. When the war broke out, and for some considerable time afterwards, the City of Dublin Company carried on their business, both the Liverpool branch and the mail branch, under the supervision of their own directors, except when some of the mail boats were "commandeered" and taken away for use in the war.

About the 17th October, 1919, owing to some dispute, apparently, which the authorities had with Mr. Edward Watson, the managing director of the company, a Shipping Comptroller was appointed, and he took over the control of all the business of the company, save the mail business from Dun Laoghaire. Mr. Edward Watson seemed displeased with regard to that, and the applicant believed that it was his wish that he and other members of the staff should come out and not act under the Comptroller, though his superintendent told them to carry on under the Comptroller.

In or about June, 1919, negotiations took place between the Dublin Company and the London Maritime Investment Company for the sale to them of all the Liverpool Steam Packet business, as distinct from the mail business, and some time afterwards it became the property of the British and Irish Steam Packet Company, which now owned the boats. Without any consent from the staff of the company, applicant and the other members were transferred over to the British and Irish Company. At the time they were transferred it was understood that the Dublin Company would compensate them for any loss they incurred by going over to the British and Irish; but under the British and Irish regulations superannuation counted only from the date when they entered their service—which he only recently found out. On 22nd January last the applicant's solicitor (Mr. Archibald Clarke) wrote to the liquidator, Mr. Telford, stating that Mr. Cassidy, who was in the same position as the applicant, had this right, and asking him to bring the matter before a judge for directions. The liquidator denied that they had any such rights and refused to do so.

Mr. Dickie, K.C., and Mr. W. A. Ryan (instructed by Mr. Archibald Clarke) appeared for Mr. Horan, the applicant; and Mr. Poole (instructed by Messrs. Baker, Ringwood and Gordon) for the liquidator, Mr. D. Telford.

It was stated that there were forty-six other former employés of the company making similar claims in respect of pensions or superannuation allowances.

After some discussion it was arranged that the matter should be brought up again, on a summons to be settled by Mr. Dickie and Mr. Poole in order to have the question decided, his lordship making no rule on the application.

ADMINISTRATION OF PRIEST'S ESTATE.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE MEREDITH.)

In the matter of the estate of the Rev. James Johnson, P.P., deceased, late of Taghmon, Mullingar, County Westmeath, who died on 31st of January, 1923, at Our Lady's Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin—O'Farrell v. McCormick.

Mr. Moloney (instructed by Messrs. Mooney and Dowdall) applied on behalf of the plaintiffs, the Very Rev. Thomas O'Farrell, P.P., Rochfort Bridge, and the Very Rev. Richard M. C. Cullen, President St. Finian's College, Mullingar, the executors appointed by the will of the deceased, dated 14th February, 1920, for an order directing that the deceased's estate should be administered through the court, and the trusts of the will carried into execution, and that an inquiry should be directed limited to the debts due by the deceased.

By his will the testator directed the plaintiffs, his executors, to pay his debts, funeral and testamentary expenses and the several legacies mentioned in the will, and bequeathed the residue of his property to his executors, to be applied by them for such charitable purposes as, in their absolute discretion, they might think fit.

Mr. Justice Meredith granted the application, and made the order sought.

Mr. Richard McLoughlin (instructed by Mr. P. M. Sealey) appeared for the defendant.

MONAGHAN WOMAN'S WILL.

(BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SULLIVAN.)

A probate case was heard in which James Slowey, of Mullins, County Fermanagh, and Bernard Slowey, Annakelly, County Monaghan, both farmers, claimed as executors to have established in solemn form the will dated 14th February, 1922, and codicil of 12th May, 1923, of Hannah Slowey, an aged and unmarried woman, late of Gortnawinny, County Monaghan, who died on 29th May, 1923. Defendant, Agnes Slowey, one of the next-of-kin, had entered a caveat, and in defence pleaded that the codicil was not duly executed according to statute, and that at the time the codicil was purported to have been executed the testatrix was not of sound mind, memory, and understanding, and did not know and approve of the contents.

It appeared that testatrix had lived with her sister, Ellen Slowey, also of advanced years, on a small farm, and that they had between £700 and £800, either in the Post Office Savings Bank, or in different banks. By the will legacies amounting to about £240 were left to nephews and nieces, thus leaving between £500 and £600 undisposed of. In the codicil the two sisters agreed to reduce somewhat the legacies to relatives, and out of the sum resulting from such reductions, together with the residue of the estate, to give a small sum for repairs to the local church, and the remainder to five priests for masses for the repose of the souls of the two old ladies. The will was not disputed, but only the codicil.

The jury found a verdict establishing the will and codicil. The defendant was allowed costs out of the estate.

Mr. P. Lynch, K.C., and Mr. Lavery (instructed by Mr. Henry Murphy) appeared for the plaintiffs; Mr. James Geoghegan (instructed by Mr. W. A. Parke) for defendant; Mr. T. J. Smythe (instructed by Mr. M. Knight) for intervenents (nephews and nieces); and Mr. Costello (instructed by the State Solicitor) for the Attorney-General.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT.

RECKLESS MOTORING.

(BEFORE MR. CUSSEN.)

Michael Quinn (22), a farmer, of Dublin, was charged (1) with being drunk in charge of a motor car at Northumberland road at 6.15 p.m. on the 21st inst.; (2) with driving the car in a reckless and dangerous manner; (3) driving without a driver's licence; and (4) refusing to obey a signal to stop given by a constable.

Constable Seery stated that defendant drove the car from the direction of Ballsbridge at a very fast speed. He ignored witness's signal to stop to allow a dairy van to go across the road. The car went on and struck the dairy van, knocking it against a stationary motor car further on. The witness jumped on to the footboard of the defendant's car, and the defendant then stopped. The witness saw that he was drunk.

Mr. M. J. Gleeson (instructed by Mr. James Fagan), who appeared for the defendant, said that he would not contest the facts. His client was at the races on Saturday, when a horse called Charabanc, belonging to a member of his family, won. In the celebration of the victory the defendant got some wine for the first time in his life and it "upset him." He believed that the wine was champagne. He had been driving a motor car for five years without there being a conviction against him.

The Justice said that, having regard to the fact that defendant had not attempted to contradict the evidence, he would not send him to jail, as he had determined to do in the next case of the kind where the evidence was clear. On the charge of driving negligently he fined him £10 and disqualified him from holding a motor driver's licence for twelve months. The other charges he marked "cautioned."

SCENE AT POLITICAL MEETING.

Christopher Howard, 26 Temple Cottages, Broadstone, was charged with assaulting a police constable in D'Olier street last Sunday afternoon. The evidence of the constable was that, while he was removing a woman who was interrupting Mr. Kevin O'Higgins's meeting, the defendant caught him by the collar of the coat. The defendant, who said that the woman was his mother and that he was annoyed at seeing her being roughly handled, was discharged on apologising to the constable.

SOAP THEFTS.

Herbert O'Leary, North Gloucester place; Christopher Heapes, Upper Erne street; John Stephens, George's place, and William Robinson, Palermo Lodge, were remanded until Friday next, charged with having, within the past six months, stolen from Messrs. Dixon's (Erne street) works, where they were employed, soap and candles to the value of about £100. Remands were also ordered on charges of receiving the soap and candles brought against Mrs. O'Loughlin and Mrs. Katherine Beer, Poolbeg street; Mrs. Walsh, Dowling's Court, and Mrs. Sinnott, Sandwith street.

ALLEGED CONVERSION.

Patrick Fowler, insurance agent, Lower Gardiner street, was charged with having fraudulently converted to his own use £11 18s. 11d., received in small sums as premiums from members of the Munster and Leinster Assurance Society, by whom he was employed.

It was stated that when the charge was read over to him the defendant said: "They (the Assurance Company) refused to take my collections, and they refused to accept my resignation from the job. I admit a deficit of £9 4s. 4d."

Remanded till Friday next.

BALLINASLOE AUDIT.

FORMER CLERK CHARGED WITH MISAPPROPRIATION.

At Ballinasloe yesterday, Thomas J. Gill, formerly Clerk of the Ballinasloe Rural District Council, who was removed from that office by order of the Local Government Department, was committed for trial, on a charge of misappropriating £1,170, the Council's money. Surcharges amounting to £1,500 have been made against members of the Council.

The deposition of the Local Government Auditor set out that, as the result of his audit of the Council's accounts for the period October, 1922-January, 1925, he found that Mr. Gill drew paying orders for himself, as salary for this period, for the total sum of £1,182 15s. 0d., whereas he was entitled to only £681 15s. 7d., showing over-payment to the extent of £495 0s. 5d.

For moneys received from the Council for work transferred from the Poor Law Service, and for which no sanction from the Local Government Department was obtained, and in respect of which the County Board paid the ex-Clerk £25, Mr. Gill drew in September, 1923, £146 2s. 6d.; March, 1924, £62 12s. 6d.; September, 1924, £95 18s. 9d., and January, 1925, £31 6s. 3d.

He drew, by way of compensation for loss of office as Superintendent Registrar of births, marriages and deaths, a sum of £102, for which payment there was no sanction. For the rent of an office in his own house, where the business and proceedings of the Council were transacted, he drew for the period under audit the sum of £352, which was £230 in excess of the sum sanctioned by the Department. An item of £7 9s. 1d. was in respect of postage which was paid twice, and a sum of £2, which was also paid twice, for a burial ground caretaker.

Bail in £500 and two sureties of £250 each was allowed.

MONASTICISM IN ENGLAND.

VIEWS ON ITS REVIVAL.

In the course of a paper before the College Theological Society, in Trinity College, Dublin, last night, Mr. W. E. Hopkins dealt with "The Value of Religious Communities in the Anglican Church." He spoke of the dissolution of the monasteries as one of the saddest things in history, and described the work of various religious communities in the Church of England.

Mr. T. J. Johnston, B.A., said that the idea of the monastic life had gone. When the monasteries were overthrown in England they found that for 300 years nobody wrote their swan song. The only protest was in the shape of an armed rebellion against the high-handed action of the Tudors through the Council of the North. What was the condition of the monasteries when they were overthrown? There was something to be said in favour of the monastic idea of contemplation, but it was unsuited to ordinary people. The practice of holding retreats at certain times was a help in this direction. He did not think that the revival of monasticism in England was going to go far towards creating a religious revival.

Mr. R. G. F. Jenkins, B.A., said that up to the Renaissance any progress that was made was due to the monasteries.

The Very Rev. Canon McNeill, D.D., presided, and other members also took part in the discussion.

DUBLIN CIRCUIT COURT.

TRAGIC NIGHT DRIVE.

SOLDIER GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER.

John Mullins, a soldier in the National Army, was found guilty of the manslaughter of Private Thomas Brannigan, who died from injuries received when knocked down by a military tender driven by Mullins on the night of the 24th December last. The jury recommended the prisoner to mercy, stating that the duties which were entrusted to him were too arduous for a boy of his age. Mullins was put back, the Justice remarking that the jury's recommendation would receive every consideration.

Mr. Martin Maguire (instructed by Mr. J. J. Shiel, solicitor), defended.

Mr. Carrigan, K.C., prosecuting, said that at about 10 p.m. on the 24th December the prisoner, an Army driver, was instructed to drive a Crossley tender from Gormanstown Camp to Balbriggan. Lieutenant Maguire accompanied him. On the way the prisoner went into the shop of a man named Carroll, and two young women came out with him and sat in the front of the tender, the prisoner being seated at their left hand side and Lieutenant Maguire on their right. Mr. O'Carroll took a seat in the body of the car. On the way to Balbriggan Lieutenant Maguire had to caution the prisoner for swerving the car and driving too fast, but Mullins took no notice, and the tender knocked down Thomas Brannigan, who had been cycling along the road, catching him between the mudguard and the engine. Brannigan's eye was destroyed, the orbis bones being broken, and his jaw bone was fractured. He sustained other injuries, from which he died within a month.

Another soldier, who was cycling behind Brannigan, was also knocked down by the Crossley tender, and was somewhat severely injured, but the prisoner continued on his mad career and knocked down a third cyclist a few hundred yards further behind.

Lieutenant J. C. Maguire bore out counsel's statement, and added that the prisoner asked him if he might swerve the car "for a bit of sport." The witness told him not to do so, but the prisoner ignored him, and the witness had to warn him several times to drive more slowly. When the accident occurred the tender was on the wrong side of the road. After colliding with Brannigan the car ran into a second cyclist, who was thrown into the dyke. The witness and Mr. O'Carroll went to the assistance of the two injured men, whom they placed in the tender. The prisoner continued the journey, and, after travelling a short distance, knocked down and slightly injured a third soldier. When near Balbriggan the witness had to order the prisoner six times to stop before the order was obeyed. Mullins was perfectly sober.

Cross-examined by Mr. Maguire—There was an inquiry into the accident, but not as to whether the Crossley tender was out on military duty.

Mr. Maguire—Did Mullins give evidence at the inquiry that implicated you? I do not think he did.

Did he give evidence that annoyed you? He did.

Is it your position in this case that the more blame you can put on Mullins the cleaner the sheet for yourself? That is not the issue.

I put it to you that you are trying to put the responsibility on Mullins in order to shield yourself? That is not so.

Further questioned, the witness said that he was the officer responsible for the car, and that it was his duty to see that his orders were obeyed. It was part of his duty to see that persons were not improperly taken on a military car, and it was also his duty to arrange for seats. The statement that he warned the driver six times was not a concoction.

Private Bracken stated that he was cycling behind Brannigan, about three feet from the left side of the road, when the motor car struck Brannigan first, and then knocked down the witness. Later, when driving to Balbriggan, he heard Lieutenant Maguire tell the driver three or four times to stop the car.

May Donnelly and Kitty Corcoran were called by Mr. Carrigan, but did not answer.

Mr. Maguire said that the absence of these two witnesses was unfortunate for the prisoner. He would ask for an adjournment.

Mr. Carrigan said that he could do no more, and that his Lordship had no power to compel witnesses to attend.

The Justice decided that the case should proceed.

Sergeant B. Duignan, Civic Guard, gave evidence of having taken a statement from the accused after the accident. The accused asked him why a statement was being taken, and the witness told him that if anything happened the injured man it might be serious for him. The accused replied—"What about it! I done two before."

Mr. Carrigan—What did you understand by that?

Witness—That he killed two before.

In cross-examination by Mr. Maguire, the witness said that some of the military at Gormanstown were prejudiced against the Civic Guards, but, taken all round, they were on friendly terms.

Mr. Maguire—Were some of the military beaten in Balbriggan?

Mr. Carrigan objected to the question.

Judge Dromgoole—Did you beat any of the military?

The Witness—No, my lord.

Medical evidence closed the case for the prosecution.

The prisoner elected to give evidence. He said that, ordered by Commandant O'Sullivan, he called for the two girls, who sat on the front seat. He told Lieutenant Maguire to go to a back seat, but the officer refused, pointing out that he was in charge of the car. Lieutenant Maguire then also sat on the front seat, and, in consequence, the witness had not sufficient room to control the car. He drove towards Balbriggan at between fifteen and twenty miles an hour. He denied that Lieutenant Maguire cautioned him to go slowly. He was travelling on the middle of the road when the car struck a cyclist, who had no light on his bicycle. A second cyclist was knocked down, and the witness topped the car, whereupon the two girls "vanished." He could not avoid the accident. He did not say that he had "done two before."

Questioned by Mr. Carrigan—He did not know why the Civic Guard sergeant should make such a statement. His allegation against the Civic Guards of having assaulted him was the subject of a military inquiry, but he did not know the result.

Major John Cotter said that it was putting a driver in a grossly unfair position to make him drive with four persons on the front seat, as, in those circumstances, he could not control a car properly.

The jury then retired.

THE LICENSING ACT.

LEGAL POINT RAISED AT MARYBOROUGH.

At the Maryborough District Court yesterday, in a case against a publican, on whose premises men who were not *bona fide* travellers were found after licensing hours, Mr. Turpin, solicitor for the publican, submitted that there was no evidence of the sale of liquor, and that under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1924, where there was a charge preferred under Section 79 of the Licensing Act of 1872, it was only on conviction on the count of selling that such conviction could be endorsed on the licence, and that a conviction for exposing for sale, opening for sale, or keeping open for sale did not entail such endorsement.

District Justice Meagher, who convicted the publican on the charge of opening the licensed premises for sale and fined him £2, said that he agreed with Mr. Turpin that on a strict interpretation of the Act it was only on conviction for sale that the endorsement was to be made under Section 79. He dismissed the other counts in the summons. Three men found on the premises were fined 10s. each.

In another case, in which a publican was convicted of allowing a young person to deliver intoxicating liquor, Justice Meagher said that, as this was the first conviction under this section in the town, and as, apparently, licence-holders had not gone to the trouble of studying this Act or ascertaining from their legal advisers the effects of it, he would not impose the full penalty (not exceeding £5). He imposed a fine of 10s., and said that in future cases he would consider the advisability of putting on the full penalty under the Statute where there were convictions.

CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. M.C.C.

ENGLAND TOTAL 626.

HENDREN SCORES 165.

SYDNEY, February 23.

Batting confidently, the M.C.C. team to-day increased their Saturday's score of 397 in the match against New South Wales to 626—the highest total of the tour. Hendren gave a masterly display in hitting up 165—the third century of the innings—in three hours and twelve minutes. In reply New South Wales made an excellent start, and when stumps were drawn this evening they had reduced the Englishmen's lead to 492, and still had nine wickets of their first innings in hand. Collins batted brilliantly for his 101 not out. So far he has occupied the crease for just over two hours and scored a 5 and eleven 4's. The fielding on both sides was fairly good. Ideal conditions prevailed throughout the day, the weather being gloriously fine and the wicket in perfect condition. To-day's official figures for the attendance were 6,632.

Kelleway and Scott re-opened the attack to-day when Hendren (22) and Gilligan (11) continued batting. The Middlesex player, with a couple to leg off the fast bowler, sent up the fourth century when the innings had progressed altogether for four hours and fifty-three minutes. The first change in the bowling was tried at 403, Kelleway giving place to Mailey. Scott in his third over clean bowled Gilligan with a good ball, the fourth wicket going down at 415. Chapman came in next and opened in dashing style, while Hendren, batting with admirable steadiness, completed his 50 in an hour and ten minutes. Hooker came on for Mailey at 461, the googly bowler's analysis at this point being two for 144. Chapman was clean bowled by Hooker at 461 for a vigorous 28, compiled in thirty-five minutes and including five 4's. Hendren and Whysall were next associated. The Notts man took some time to get into his stride, and most of the runs came from Hendren's bat. At lunch time the pair had taken the total to 518, of which Hendren claimed 88 and Whysall 13.

On a fresh start being made Whysall opened out, and, with Hendren in sparkling form, the cricket was most entertaining. The Middlesex player completed his century in two hours and a quarter, and was warmly applauded by the crowd. At this juncture he had scored four 4's. At 565 Whysall made a very weak stroke, sending the ball straight back to Kippax, who brought off an easy catch. Following this, three wickets fell in quick succession. Kilner had scored 9 when, at 581, he was well taken in the long field by Morgan off Kippax, and the same bowler accounted for Freeman two runs later, through a catch at point, while Tyldesley was dismissed by Morgan at 598. Howell then joined Hendren, and the latter, turning Kippax to leg, registered the sixth century amid a storm of cheering, which was renewed when, with a beautiful straight drive off the next ball, he brought his total to 150—the highest score of the innings. Kippax, however, persevered, and eventually had the satisfaction of securing the Middlesex man's wicket with a neat caught and bowled effort, which brought the innings to a close for the fine total of 626.

Hendren's splendid contribution of 165 was not marred by a single chance, and among his hits were fourteen 4's. On his way to the pavilion he was given an enthusiastic ovation. Kippax showed excellent form with the ball, his four wickets being obtained for a little over 16 runs each.

Collins and Morgan began the batting for New South Wales, and they were opposed by Gilligan and Howell. Both batsmen quickly settled down, and runs came at a fast pace, Collins playing with easy confidence. He had scored 34 to Morgan's 16 when the 50 was hoisted at the end of 36 minutes, and 84 runs were scored before Kilner brought about a separation, Morgan then falling to a catch by Freeman at point. Kilner's wicket had cost only one run at this stage. Andrews next partnered his captain, and the fast rate of scoring was maintained, the century being signalled at the end of an hour and a half. Andrews was given a life by Hendren in the longfield when he had scored 19, but apart from this, the batsmen made no mistakes, and when stumps were drawn they had hit up 164 without further loss. Collins' contribution of 101 was the result of just over two hours' magnificent cricket. He scored his runs by excellent shots on both sides of the wicket. Score:—

M.C.C.—First Innings.

Sandham st. Ratcliffe b Mailey	137
J. L. Bryan b Kelleway	73
Woolley st. Ratcliffe b Mailey	149
Hendren c and b Kippax	165
A. E. R. Gilligan b Scott	18
A. P. F. Chapman b Hooker	28
Whysall c and b Kippax	29
Kilner c Morgan b Kippax	9
Freeman c Morgan b Kippax	0
Tyldesley b Morgan	1
Howell not out	1
Extras	17
Total	626

NEW SOUTH WALES—First Innings.

H. L. Collins not out	101
N. Morgan c Freeman b Kilner	29
T. J. E. Andrews not out	24
Extras	10
Total (1 wkt.)	164

Fall of wickets.—M.C.C.—First Innings—1, 136; 2, 338; 3, 379; 4, 415; 5, 461; 6, 565; 7, 581; 8, 583; 9, 598; 10, 626.

Bowling analysis.—M.C.C.—First Innings—Kippax, 4 for 66; Morgan, 1 for 17; Collins, 0 for 15; Andrews, 0 for 19; Punch, 0 for 47; Hooker, 1 for 92; Mailey, 2 for 183; Kelleway, 1 for 80; Scott, 1 for 120.

Fall of wickets.—New South Wales.—First Innings—1, 84.

Bowling analysis.—New South Wales.—First Innings—Kilner, 1 for 28; Tyldesley, 0 for 30; Freeman, 0 for 50; Howell, 0 for 19; Gilligan, 0 for 32.

MR. JOEL'S XI. V. SOUTH AFRICA.

PORT ELIZABETH, February 23.

Play in the final "Test" match between Mr. Joel's XI. and South Africa was continued here to-day in fine, but very warm, weather. There was a moderate attendance at the start. Requiring 290 to win, the Englishmen began their second innings with Bowley and Holmes. A confident start was made, and in the second over the Yorkshire batsman scored a six with a terrific hit to leg. The rate of scoring was brisk until at 27 Nupen began to exploit the "leg theory," when it slowed down considerably. At 38 Bowley was out leg before to Nupen for 16. Tyldesley followed in, and the 50 was hoisted in fifty-five minutes. Neither Nupen or Hall, who shared the bowling, were particularly dangerous, and the luncheon interval was reached with the total at 79 for 1—Holmes 43 and Tyldesley 18.

On resuming runs came steadily, and at 95 Nupen dropped the "leg theory." The century was registered when the innings had lasted just over an hour and three-quarters, but nine runs later Holmes, in playing a short-pitched delivery from Munro put the ball up to square-leg, where Siedle brought off a neat catch. The outgoing batsman gave a delightful display for his 62, which he scored in exactly two hours. Russell, the next man in, fell to a smart catch by Deane at deep fine-leg off Nupen at 120 and Kennedy then joined Tyldesley. On the easy-paced wicket the bowlers were getting no assistance, and the score rose steadily. Kennedy was out leg-before to Ling at 158 and Jameson filled the vacancy. Ling's deceptive, slow deliveries caused trouble to the batsmen, who were fighting doggedly against a well-sustained attack. At the interval the score stood at 182 for 4, Tyldesley then being 63 and Jameson 6.

Both batsmen were cautious after tea, and the score advanced very slowly, but despite this the interest of the spectators never waned. Jameson gave a difficult chance when he had made 9, behind the wicket, and Tyldesley, with his score at 71, was very nearly run out. Never making an unsuccessful appeal. The weather was now becoming very dull, and at twelve minutes past five Tyldesley made an appeal for bad light, which was upheld, and stumps were drawn for the day with the total at 220 for 4 wickets.

The cricket throughout the day was of a very interesting character. Holmes and Tyldesley both gave sterling performances, while Jameson stepped into the breach at a critical juncture and batted steadily. The fielding was very keen, while the bowling was also good, although it lacked the sting which characterised it in the Englishmen's first innings when the wicket was inclined to be sticky. Score:—

SOUTH AFRICA.

First Innings	183
Second Innings	200

MR. JOEL'S XI.

First Innings	94

Second Innings.

Bowley l.b.w. b Nupen	16
Holmes c Siedle b Munro	62
Tyldesley not out	73
Russell c Deane b Nupen	3
Kennedy l.b.w. b Ling	13
T. O. Jameson not out	33
Extras	20
Total (4 wkts.)	220

GOLF.

OXFORD TEAM AGAINST CAMBRIDGE.

The Oxford University captain, A. R. Nall-Cain, yesterday announced that he had awarded a blue to R. H. Oppenheimer (Harrow and Christ Church), a freshman at Oxford, who as a Sunningdale golfer took part in the boys' championship eighteen months ago. The Dark Blues' team against Cambridge on 23rd and 24th March will be:—A. R. Nall-Cain (Eton and Magdalen), A. D. Cave (Rugby and Trinity), J. C. V. Wilkes (Eton and Trinity), J. S. Stephenson (Shrewsbury and University), I. G. Collins (Harrow and Magdalen), B. C. Pye-Smith (Cheltenham and Trinity), G. H. Clegg (Winchester and Magdalen), R. M. McLaren (Wellington and Corpus Christi), H. Field (Eton and New College), and R. H. Oppenheimer (Harrow and Christ Church).

Apart from Oppenheimer, McLaren, and Field, all the above played against Cambridge last year, when the Light Blues won by three matches, and on that occasion McLaren and Field, who were reserves, played in the "dinners' match," which is annually associated with the inter-'Varsity event.

PORTMARNOCK—February medals. Class I.—F. E. Davies (0), 82; J. Reid (2), 82; J. H. Keane (4), 82; W. Sharpe (8), 83; N. P. Dawson (6), 84; F. Kilduff (1), 85. Class II.—L. B. Shildrick (12), 80; E. L. Kidd (10), 81; L. J. Smyth (11), 81; R. H. Plews (10), 83; E. A. Monson (16), 83; A. B. Kidd (11), 84.

WOODBROOK—A general meeting of the above club will be held at 45 Kildare street, Dublin, on Friday, 27th inst. at 5.30 p.m.

ISLAND—Semi-open mixed foursome v. bogey, played on February 21st. Result—1st Captain W. Mooney and Miss O. Lane-Joynt, 1 down; 2nd Captain Beamish and Mrs. Beamish, 2 down. March 21st—Semi-open mixed foursome, eclectic v. bogey. Post entries; choose opponents.

GRANGE (Ladies' Branch)—On Thursday next 18 holes stroke competition for prize presented by Messrs. Weir. Draw at 11.30. February monthly medal v. bogey won by Mrs. Tamplin, 5 down.

CLONTARF.—Monthly medals (bogey). Class I.—E. H. Verdon (10), 1 down. Class II.—V. Dallas (18), 3 down.

DUN LAOGHAIRE—Medal finals. Class I.—J. A. Williams (minus 7), 78. Class II.—A. L. Chapman (minus 12), 77.

CASTLE (Ladies' Branch)—Box finals, Friday, February 27th. Qualified — Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. Dowling, Miss Seaman, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Birney, Mrs. McKeown, Miss Considine, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Steede, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs. José, Mrs. Clough, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. O'Connell, Miss Young, Miss Ward, Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. McCarron, Mrs. Geoghegan, Mrs. Bestall, Mrs. Galloway, Miss Griffin, and Miss Dawson. Draws at 10.30, 11, 2 and 2.30.

ROYAL CO. DOWN.—There was a representative entry in the monthly medal competition at Newcastle on Saturday, the best cards returned being W. Pollock (1), 81, and F. Hunter (12), 85.

RAILWAY AND STEAM PACKET G.S.—The annual general meeting was held in Jury's Hotel on Saturday, the President of the Society, Mr. E. A. Neale, in the chair. After the usual routine business had been dealt with, the election of captain, vice-captain and committee was proceeded with, when the following were duly elected:—Captain—C. F. Hornsby. Sub-Captain—Captain J. H. Webb. Committee—Messrs. Bailey, Beckett, Butler, Beattie, Corringham, Cosgrove, Forsyth, Hamlet, Ingram, and Parker. Subsequently the company and guests, numbering 42, dined. During the evening the following toasts were honoured:—R. and S.P. Golf Society. Proposed by Walter Baird, responded to by C. F. Hornsby. President, Officers, and Committee. Proposed by Alex. Forsyth, responded to by Captain J. H. Webb. Our Guests and Musical Friends. Proposed by J. Ingram, responded to by Dr. George Price, LL.D., and A. Lloyd Blood. The toast of the Chairman, proposed by J. C. O'Reilly, and supported by T. E. Beckett, was enthusiastically received and responded to. An enjoyable musical programme was provided by Messrs. W. Lewin, T. C. Earls, George Clune, D. Watson, and Stan. Wright, with G. F. Olden at the piano. The proceedings terminated with the customary singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

HANDBALL.

D.M.P. CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The D.M.P. tournaments were continued yesterday in the Castle ball court, when, in addition to the semi-finals in the Senior and Junior Singles Championship, the Inter-Division Doubles Championship was started, and five matches played off. That there is great interest centred in the matches is testified to by the number who attend the court when off duty. The matches played yesterday in the Doubles were all interesting, but in some instances good play was spoiled for want of combination with the pairs.

Chief interest centred in the two semi-finals. In the Junior semi-final, D. Walsh played a wonderfully improved game to that which he gave in his opening match in the tournament. By disposing of P. Kennelly he surprised all his colleagues. His determined play won for him the admiration of all. Kennelly played a great strong game, but could not get away from his young opponent in the first game, and between 11 and 18 the players were level six times. In the second game he was at 18 when Walsh was a. By very determined overhead play Walsh held him, putting him out several times. He made the score 19-all and then finished the game.

In the Senior semi-final, between T. J. O'Reilly (holder) and C. Ryan (the young player who has come into prominence this season), some good ball playing took place at times. The Irish Champion was not at his best, and lacked his usual dash. Ryan lacked confidence also, and was not up to the form he showed in his previous matches. He let many opportunities go through not following in the ball. O'Reilly's experience stood to him on several occasions during the rubber.

The following were the results of the day's play:—

Senior Championship.—Semi-final—T. J. O'Reilly beat C. Ryan by 20-21, 21-8, 17-21, 21-6, 21-13.

Junior Championship.—Semi-final — D. Walsh (Rathmines) beat P. Kennelly (Castle), 21-19, 21-19.

Inter-Division Doubles—J. Sinnott and T. Hurley (Clontarf) beat M. and L. Flanagan (Castle), 21-8, 21-8; M. Geragitty and J. Dillon (Rathmines) beat W. Gore and P. Roche (Fitzgibbon street), 21-8, 18-21, 21-17; L. Stanley and W. Shanahan (Castle) beat Constables Bray and Neligan, 21-12, 12-21, 21-10; J. Dillon and P. McHale (Blackrock) beat A. Finn and J. Reilly (College street), 21-18, 21-10; J. Lynch and P. Sinnott (College street) beat T. Doyle and T. Wedick (Kevin street), 21-14, 21-6.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Junior Doubles—P. Lennon and J. Cahill (Castle) v. G. Hollywood and P. Kennelly (Castle); D. Walsh and N. Reynolds (Rathmines) v. P. Powderly and A. Nolan (C); G. Magan and M. Nagle (B) v. T. Power and T. Flanagan; J. McCready and F. Murphy (B) v. J. Stanley and A. Devoy (F).

Senior Final—T. J. O'Reilly v. F. Redmond.

THE LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIP.

The semi-final of the Leinster championship was played on Sunday last at Kells between Dublin and Meath. In the first match A. Carty and J. Dowdall (Dublin) outclassed the Meath pair, J. Corr and B. McGuire, winning all five games. The second was a closer contest, E. Reilly and B. Keelan (Meath) putting up a keen struggle with T. J. O'Reilly and J. McGrath (Dublin). The first four games were divided, but the Dublin pair took the fifth and sixth for the match. Scores:—Dublin (A. Carty and J. Dowdall) beat Meath (J. Corr and B. McGuire)—21-15, 21-12, 21-12, 21-5, 21-6; Dublin (T. J. O'Reilly and J. McGrath) beat Meath (E. Reilly and B. Keelan)—21-6, 20-21, 21-11, 14-21, 21-16, 21-16.

RUGBY.

SENIOR SCHOOLS' CUP.

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE (9) v. ST. COLUMBA'S COLLEGE (0).

St. Andrew's College qualified for the second round of the Leinster Senior Schools' Cup yesterday, when at Donnybrook they defeated St. Columba's College by 3 tries (9 points) to nil. The Andrew boys were in all phases of the play the superior side, and their 9 points' victory by no means flatters them. Early in the first half a strong attack by St. Andrew's culminated in Robertson going round the blind side of the scrum to score a try which Lurring failed to convert. Martin, Lee, and Mandy put in good work for St. Columba's, but despite this Andrew's held the attack, and before the interval Davies got over for a try, which Thompson failed to goal.

The second half was also much in favour of St. Andrew's, whose backs had many sharp rounds of passing. Dawson, Hammond, and Robertson were, in turn, almost over, but the defence of the St. Columba's boys was very sound. This session was very strongly contested till nearing the end, when, following a nice bout of passing, Malcolm scored for St. Andrew's, but again the kick at goal failed.

Lurring, at full-back for the winners, was not over-taxed, but anything which came his way he did well. Dawson and Hammond were very smart in the three-quarter line. Robertson was clever at the base of the scrum, and was well partnered by Buchanan. The pick of the front rank was Duckworth, Davies and Bradshaw.

On the St. Columba's side, Clifford, Rossiter, Jackson, Wilson (backs), and Martin, Mason and Lee (forwards) were the best. Result:—

St. Andrew's College—3 tries (9 points).
St. Columba's College—Nil.

The teams were:—

St. Andrew's—Lurring; Dawson, Thompson, Hammon, Peard; Buchanan, Robertson; Davies, Duckworth, Bradshaw, Irwin, Irvine, Sheppard, Malcolm and Pilkington.

St. Columba's—Clifford; McCaskin, Rossiter, Jones, Jackson; Wilson, Foster; Martin, Mason, Lismey, Mandy, Lee, Graham, J[illegible]ins, Pratt.

Referee—Mr. J. H. Miles.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Royal v. Hibernian (Bankers' Institute Cup), Lansdowne road, 4.30.
Mater v. Meath (Hospitals' Cup), Terenure, 3.15.
Lansdowne III. A. v. Dublin University III. A. Lansdowne road.
Mount St. Benedict's v. Presentation College, Gorey.
King's Hospital v. Morgan's School (Senior Schools' Cup), Donnybrook, 3.30.

Provincial Bank v. Bank of Ireland—The following team will represent the Provincial Bank v. the Bank of Ireland in the first round of the Bankers' Cup to-morrow:—J. S. Waugh; H. S. Beere, M. P. Ruddle, F. A. P. Wheeler, J. T. Blunden; J. M. Handcock, E. O. Holland; G. G. Alexander (capt.), W. F. S. Harkness, E. T. P. Vaughan, C. D. Wilding, W. J. McAllister, H. D. Prim, A. E. Glanville, C. Doherty.

Royal Bank v. Hibernian Bank—The following team will represent the Royal Bank at Lansdowne road to-day at 4.30 p.m. sharp:—Aylward; Murphy, Heaney, Redmond, Mordaunt; Armstrong, Gibson; Ackland, Anderson, A. Cairnduff, B. Cairnduff, Ferguson, Harris, Higginbotham, Judge.

PORTORA R.S. 2nd v. DROGHEDA G.S.—Played at Drogheda on Saturday, Portora 2nd winning by 2 goals and 3 tries (29 points) to 1 try (3 points). Tries were scored by J. R. Pollock (3), J. E. Elmes (3), F. McCombe (1), R. M. Griffeth (1) and M. H. McLean (1). J. R. Pollock kicked 3 goals and G. McGladery 1 goal. Stokes scored for Drogheda G.S.

CLONTARF F.C.—The annual club dinner will be held on Saturday, 28th March, at Mills' Hall, Merrion Row.

PALMERSTON F.C.—General training Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.15 p.m. sharp.

ANGLING.

LEE—CO. CORK.

Weather conditions have been very unfavourable for the past week, with a bitterly cold wind. The river, especially the lower reaches, is well stocked, and a mild change should bring fish into the upper waters. Mr. J. B. Massy had a good fish of 21lb., Mr. H. E. Stanley one, 9lb.; Mr. J. Leary two, 9lb. and 10lb.; Mr. R. Dale one, 10lb.; Dr. C. B. Pearson one, 7lb.; Mr. Stone two, 9lb. and 11lb.; Dr. J. Hackett two, 8lb. and 10½lb.; Mr. J. Millner one, 14lb.; Mrs. Parry one, 16lb.

SHANNON—CASTLECONNELL.

The Shannon is still too high, and most of the pools at Castleconnell are out of order, but the river is falling. So far five salmon have been killed on Newgarden Fishery, weighing 16lb., 32lb., 12lb., 10lb., and 18lb.

BILLIARDS

THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

P. Pamenter played very poorly against W. B. Marshall in their Amateur Championship match at Thurston's Hall, London, yesterday, and was badly outpointed. Closing scores:—Marshall (in play), 1,000; Pamenter, 531.

SMITH v. REECE.

Smith drew to within 3,275 points of Reece yesterday in their 18,000 match at Burroughes Hall, London. Closing scores:—Reece (rec. 6,000), in play, 13,443; Smith, 10,167.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES

DRAPERS' LETTER OF COMPLAINT.

The Drapers' Chamber of Trade have addressed a letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in which they call upon the Government to move in the matter of the taxation of co-operative societies, and to impose a tax on the societies' trading profits annually, plus investments, in the forthcoming Budget.

In the letter attention is called to a recent advertisement in which "the public are requested not to hesitate to purchase goods from co-operative stores, and as an inducement the societies promise to give to customers a free coupon for a £10,000 competition with every bar of soap sold."

The letter proceeds:—"For many years the societies stated that they did not sell to the public, but only to members, and consequently they were not liable for payment of income tax on their trading profits annually. They cannot longer claim that distinction.

"The societies (which had but small beginning) have developed into huge trading concerns (*i.e.*, manufacturing, wholesale, retail, and shipping). They are very keen competitors of the ordinary trader, and as the societies do not pay their fair and proper quota of Imperial taxation, ordinary traders have to pay increased taxation to make up the loss of revenue. This is manifestly unfair."

NORTHERN

VOTE OF

MR. SNOWD

The House of Commons yesterda[y] a vote of £1,250,000 for the mai[ntenance] of the Special Constabulary in N[orthern] Ireland.

The discussion was marked by [a] speech of Mr. Philip Snowden [who] alleged that the vote was illegal, a[nd] the money was not needed for th[e Con]stabulary, and that it would be u[sed by] the Government of Northern Irela[nd for] other purposes.

Mr. Winston Churchill repudiate[d] charges of bad faith against the No[rthern] Government, and said that Sir [James] Craig had invited the Treasury to in[spect] the accounts.

MR. SNOWDEN'S CHARG[E]

DEMAND "UNJUSTIFIAB[LE] AND ILLEGAL."

Mr. Snowden, who moved a reduction [of] the vote by £100, said that it was an ex[traordinary] proceeding to be asked to [give] effect to a new estimate without one word [of] explanation or justification. It was ostensi[bly] a vote for the Special Constabulary [in] Northern Ireland, but, in fact, it was noth[ing] of the sort. If it were permitted by Parliamentary usage he would describe it, and that accurately—by a very ugly word. The vote was the latest concession that ha[d] been ground by the Government of Norther[n] Ireland from the British Exchequer withou[t] justification and quite illegally. From the time of the passing of the Act of Parliament conferring self-government on Northern Ire[land] the British Treasury had been subjected to constant demands from Ulster for illega[l] financial assistance. These demands had become so intolerable that, in November, 1922, when the present Prime Minister was Chancellor of the Exchequer, it was suggested that the whole question should be referred to a special committee or tribunal. That was subsequently done, and the committee became known as the Colwyn Committee.

It was agreed that all financial questions, with the sole exception of the question of the Special Constabulary, which was reserved for later consideration, should be referred to the committee. It was also agreed that the committee should finally settle all financial questions between Northern Ireland and this country, so as to put a stop to these persistent demands from the Government of Northern Ireland. Sir James Craig himself agreed to that, and when Mr. Baldwin wrote accepting the terms of reference to the committee Sir James, in reply, reminded Mr. Baldwin that he had omitted to state a very important matter—that the findings of the committee were to be binding on both parties.

THE 1920 ACT.

The Government of Ireland Act provided that any grant out of public moneys provided by the Imperial Parliament for Special Constabulary purposes should cease. Therefore, it was illegal for that House to make the proposed grant. The British Treasury had invariably resisted Northern Ireland's demand until the pressure upon it by its political friends became so strong that it was unable to continue its resistance. The British Treasury had no full information about the Special Constabulary.

The House was asked to vote £1,250,000 and to hand it over to the Government of Northern Ireland without any guarantee and without any assurance as to how the money had been spent. It would be given, not for the purpose of maintaining law and order, but for an entirely different purpose.

The information a few months ago was that there were 3,000 Royal Ulster Constabulary in place of the Royal Irish Constabulary, of whom something like 2,500 were formerly stationed in the six counties. Since 1921 there had been a large force of Special Constabulary maintained, notwithstanding the provisions to which he had referred; and it had been maintained almost wholly at the cost of the British taxpayer. In 1922 the British Government grant was £2,700,000, and in 1924 £1,500,000. The Special Constabulary Force was entirely under the control of the Ulster Government. It was believed that the men numbered 35,000; 9,000 of the rest received a retaining fee.

There was a full-time policeman for every 160 of the population of Northern Ireland. If they included the Special Constabulary they got a policeman for every six families. What was the explanation? It was that the Special Constabulary were neither needed for, nor were they used for, the maintenance of law and order in Northern Ireland. It was a backdoor way of illegally getting money from the British Exchequer.

Mr. Erskine—Has the right hon. gentleman the right to cast aspersions on the Government of Northern Ireland?

The Deputy Chairman—I do not think that he used the word "illegally."

Mr. Snowden—I used the word; it is my point. This grant is not legal.

The Deputy Speaker—It depends on the way in which the right hon. gentleman used the term.

Mr. Runciman—Is it not out of order to accuse the Treasury of acting illegally?

The Deputy Speaker—I should like to hear the right hon. gentleman close his argument.

HIS POINT.

Mr. Snowden—My point is that under the Government of Northern Ireland Act the maintenance of law and order is a financial obligation on the Government of Northern Ireland, and, therefore, it is not legal for this House to vote the money. The money is being used for maintaining the unemployed.

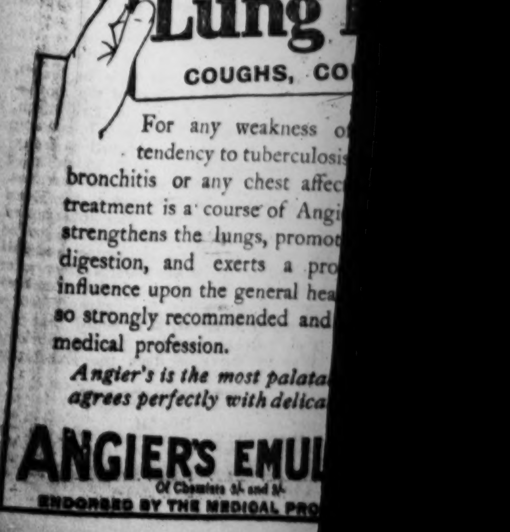
Captain Dixon—Those statements are absolutely untrue.

Mr. Buchanan—Is it in order for one hon. member to accuse another hon. member of deliberately telling an untruth?

The Deputy Speaker—I do not think that the hon. member used language which I could describe as unparliamentary. The question is a very difficult one, and I should like to hear the whole debate before giving any decision.

Captain Craig—The right hon. gentleman has deliberately stated that the Government of Northern Ireland is using the money for the unemployed, and not for the maintenance of a force of Constabulary.

Mr. Snowden (continuing) said that it would be remembered that when he was dealing with the setting up of the Colwyn Committee he mentioned that Sir James Craig called the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the agreement that the recommendations should be accepted by both parties. The report of that Committee conferred substantial advantages on Ulster by modifying the scale of the Imperial contribution. The previous



NORTHERN CONSTABULARY.

VOTE OF £1,250,000 PASSED AT WESTMINSTER.

MR. SNOWDEN'S ALLEGATIONS.

The House of Commons yesterday passed a vote of £1,250,000 for the maintenance of the Special Constabulary in Northern Ireland.

The discussion was marked by a bitter speech of Mr. Philip Snowden, who alleged that the vote was illegal, and that the money was not needed for the Constabulary, and that it would be used by the Government of Northern Ireland for other purposes.

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DEMAND "UNJUSTIFIABLE AND ILLEGAL."

Mr. Snowden, who moved a reduction of the vote by £100, said that it was an extraordinary proceeding to be asked to give effect to a new estimate without one word of explanation or justification. It was ostensibly a vote for the Special Constabulary of Northern Ireland, but, in fact, it was nothing of the sort. If it were permitted by the Parliamentary usage he would describe it—and that accurately—by a very ugly word.

The vote was the latest concession that had been ground by the Government of Northern Ireland from the British Exchequer without justification and quite illegally. From the time of the passing of the Act of Parliament conferring self-government on Northern Ireland the British Treasury had been subjected to constant demands from Ulster for illegal financial assistance. These demands had become so intolerable that, in November, 1922, when the present Prime Minister was Chancellor of the Exchequer, it was suggested that the whole question should be referred to a special committee or tribunal. That was subsequently done, and the committee became known as the Colwyn Committee.

It was agreed that all financial questions, with the sole exception of the question of the Special Constabulary, which was reserved for later consideration, should be referred to the committee. It was also agreed that the committee should finally settle all financial questions between Northern Ireland and this country, so as to put a stop to these persistent demands from the Government of Northern Ireland. Sir James Craig himself agreed to that, and when Mr. Baldwin wrote accepting the terms of reference to the committee Sir James, in reply, reminded Mr. Baldwin that he had omitted to state a very important matter—that the findings of the committee were to be binding on both parties.

THE 1920 ACT.

The Government of Ireland Act provided that any grant out of public moneys provided by the Imperial Parliament for Special Constabulary purposes should cease. Therefore, it was illegal for that House to make the proposed grants. The British Treasury had invariably resisted Northern Ireland's demand until the pressure upon it by its political friends became so strong that it was unable to continue its resistance. The British Treasury had no full information about the Special Constabulary.

The House was asked to vote £1,250,000 and to hand it over to the Government of Northern Ireland without any guarantee and without any assurance as to how the money had been spent. It would be given, not for the purpose of maintaining law and order, but for an entirely different purpose.

The information a few months ago was that there were 3,000 Royal Ulster Constabulary in place of the Royal Irish Constabulary, of whom something like 2,500 were formerly stationed in the six counties. Since 1921 there had been a large force of Special Constabulary maintained, notwithstanding the provisions to which he had referred; and it had been maintained almost wholly at the cost of the British taxpayer. In 1922 the British Government grant was £2,700,000, and in 1924 £1,500,000. The Special Constabulary Force was entirely under the control of the Ulster Government. It was believed that the men numbered 35,000; 9,000 of the rest received a retaining fee.

There was a full-time policeman for every 160 of the population of Northern Ireland. If they included the Special Constabulary they got a policeman for every six families. What was the explanation? It was that the Special Constabulary were neither needed for, nor were they used for, the maintenance of law and order in Northern Ireland. It was a backdoor way of illegally getting money from the British Exchequer.

Mr. Erskine—Has the right hon. gentleman the right to cast aspersions on the Government of Northern Ireland?

The Deputy Chairman—I do not think that he used the word "illegally."

Mr. Snowden—I used the word; it is my point. This grant is not legal.

The Deputy Speaker—It depends on the way in which the right hon. gentleman used the term.

Mr. Runciman—Is it not out of order to accuse the Treasury of acting illegally?

The Deputy Speaker—I should like to hear the right hon. gentleman close his argument.

HIS POINT.

Mr. Snowden—My point is that under the Government of Northern Ireland Act the maintenance of law and order is a financial obligation on the Government of Northern Ireland, and, therefore, it is not legal for this House to vote the money. The money is being used for maintaining the unemployed.

Captain Dixon—Those statements are absolutely untrue.

Mr. Buchanan—Is it in order for one hon. member to accuse another hon. member of deliberately telling an untruth?

The Deputy Speaker—I do not think that the hon. member used language which I could describe as unparliamentary. The question is a very difficult one, and I should like to hear the whole debate before giving any decision.

Captain Craig—The right hon. gentleman has deliberately stated that the Government of Northern Ireland is using the money for the unemployed, and not for the maintenance of a force of Constabulary.

Mr. Snowden (continuing) said that it would be remembered that when he was dealing with the setting up of the Colwyn Committee he mentioned that Sir James Craig called the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the agreement that the recommendations to be accepted by both parties. The report of that Committee conferred substantial advantages on Ulster by modifying the scale of the Imperial contribution. The previous Government to the Labour Government accepted that report, but as soon as ever that report had been received Sir James Craig began to make an appeal to the British Treasury for concessions which he had failed to establish before the Colwyn Committee. He sprang a demand for further assistance from the British Treasury for unemployment insurance. During the whole time he (Mr. Snowden) was at the Treasury Sir James Craig was pressing that demand, and only a week or two before he left he made an imperative demand, not directly to himself—because Sir James carefully avoided coming into contact with him—

An Ulster Member—He knew you.

A VISIT TO LONDON.

Mr. Snowden—He did. Proceeding, Mr. Snowden said that Sir James Craig wrote to him, and he was asked to come over to see him (Mr. Snowden) and discuss the matter. Sir James Craig never came, but he went to other Ministers of the Labour Government, and then wrote to him to say that he had their assurance that they would agree that this grant should be placed on the estimate.

Sir James Craig's demand for special assistance on behalf of Unemployment Insurance was submitted to his (Mr. Snowden's) predecessors, and three weeks before he took office that demand was rejected on the ground that it would be illegal without alteration of the relations under which Northern Ireland and Great Britain operated. It was quite true that that Government which the Labour Government succeeded had provisionally agreed to place in that year's estimate a sum of £1,000,000 under the heading "Special Constabulary," but that was only done when they knew that their days were numbered. Up to last October there had never been a suggestion that the grant under that head for the present year should be more than £1,000,000. How came it to be £1,250,000? It was perfectly obvious why the grant had been raised by £250,000 since November, last. Sir James Craig had not been able to get a special grant towards the relief of unemployment, and that explained why another £250,000 had been placed on that vote under the head of Special Constabulary.

Mr. D. D. Reid asked whether it was in order to make a charge of fraud against the Ulster Government.

Mr. Hope said that so far Mr. Snowden was not out of order.

Mr. Snowden, continuing, said that there were charges which Ulster members did not like to see brought to light. It would be urged that the vote was simply for the value of preserving law and order in Northern Ireland—that was to say, that Great Britain had to find funds sufficient to maintain one policeman for every six families in Northern Ireland. That little statement of facts entirely disposed of the contention that the money was needed for that purpose.

He held that the British House of Commons had no legal authority to vote this sum, that the maintenance of law and order was an obligation laid upon the Government of Northern Ireland, and that, in view of the persistent demands made by the Government of Ulster upon the British Treasury for additional grants for the relief of unemployment, it was, at all events, suspicious that the original proposal of £1,000,000 should be raised to £1,250,000. The money was not required for the purpose for which it was asked in the memo.

He did not expect that the House would reject the vote. The Government had the numbers to carry it. But if it was submitted to any impartial body of men to consider the facts, he was confident that no such tribunal could be constituted which would not come to a unanimous decision against the proposal. He went further and said that if the House rejected the vote no one would be better pleased than the Chancellor of the Exchequer himself.

CHANCELLOR'S REPLY.

MYTH OF ILLEGALITY BLOWN AWAY.

Mr. Churchill said that the late Chancellor of the Exchequer had concluded his speech by several rather sweeping assertions, of which the last he could remember was that if the House were to reject the vote which the Government had invited them to pass nobody would be better pleased than himself. Considering that he was personally responsible for having entered into the arrangement with Sir James Craig which was the basis of the vote, it was difficult for him to see how he could take the attitude suggested while maintaining the slightest contact either with good faith or reason. (Ministerial cheers and laughter.)

Then Mr. Snowden proceeded to express the complete confidence with which he would remit this proposal to a tribunal, however constituted, and his firm belief that its members would be in complete unanimity with the view he expressed. One could always say the same thing with regard to any matter on which one felt strongly—(Ministerial cheers and laughter)—and they could all understand that Mr. Snowden felt strongly on this matter.

Mr. Snowden had also charged the Government with an illegal procedure. He appeared to suppose that the House of Commons had not the power correctly and properly to make the grant to the Government of Northern Ireland. There was nothing illegal, nothing unprecedented about it. The House in passing the Appropriation Bill made its will effective in the most legal form in respect of the matter, and had every precedent for it, since for the last three years it had been necessary to give a substantial grant in aid of the Constabulary of Northern Ireland.

That was a grant in aid of the upkeep of 35,000 Special Constabulary of various classes distributed in various towns. The cost of the Northern Irish Constabulary would be greater than the vote. Northern Ireland would still be left with a substantial sum to defray, even in respect of the Special Constabulary, and, in addition, would have to maintain the Royal Irish Constabulary, which might be taken to be a permanent part of the Forces available for the maintenance of order.

It was quite true that the grants in aid were not submitted, like expenditure taking place in Great Britain, to the Controller and Auditor-General, but there again the procedure of former years had been strictly followed. But although there was no audit by the Auditor-General the whole of the expenditure was to be accounted for in the right of day to the Northern Irish Parliament.

COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

He had the utmost confidence in the bona fides of Sir James Craig. When Sir James Craig said a thing he believed it to be true. When he made a declaration he endeavoured to carry it out. (Ministerial cheers.) Sir James Craig would not employ the money to other purposes. He would not ask for it for Constabulary and use it for relief of unemployment. That would not be a proper way of treating the British Government, with whom he had been in official relations. But Sir James Craig had invited him, at any rate, to send over any inspectors or any auditor they might like to examine any detail of administration, and see that there was a bona fide application of the money and no waste of the fund in any way.

The vote had nothing to do with the Colwyn Committee, which was virtually an arbitration that had been proceeding under three Governments on purely non-party lines, with a view of ascertaining what was the fair quota which Northern Ireland should contribute. It was true the committee had reduced the quota below the figure originally fixed by the Treasury advisers, but that had nothing to do with this grant in aid, which was a matter, not of right, but of concession, freely made by the House of Commons in aid of the Government of Northern Ireland for high reasons of State policy.

He trusted that the question would not be decided by the House on any small or narrow basis. They must bear steadily in mind the large objects which they had in view at the time of the Irish Treaty. For many years Ulster's repugnance to Home Rule denied Home Rule to the rest of Ireland, which desired it so much. In 1921, however, the attitude of Ulster changed. Ulster, not out of any wish on her own part, contrary to her inclination, contrary to her interests, consented in the Imperial interests to accept a form of government which separated the administration of Ulster from that of Great Britain, and which established there, a small community, in the North of Ireland, with many difficulties, many embarrassments and many perils to face. That was a great sacrifice on the part of Ulster which should never be forgotten. It had imposed great hardship upon Ulster, which did not want any change.

The Chairman—Order, order. The debate might be carried still further by others.

Mr. Churchill—I will come strictly within the limits which you consider appropriate.

POINT OF HONOUR

In the circumstances, he continued, he thought that it should be a point of honour with the British Parliament to assist Ulster in its first difficult years. That was exactly what they were doing. He had heard some jeering at different moments in this discussion. Let them not forget the horrible conditions which prevailed in Belfast in 1922.

A Labour Member—What started them? Your speech. (Labour cheers.)

Mr. Churchill—My oratory must be of a very enduring character if a speech delivered in 1912 could still be producing effects in 1922. (Laughter.)

Mr. Kirkwood—Sparks in a powder magazine.

Mr. Churchill replied that there were many elements in Northern Ireland which possessed the nature of sparks in a powder magazine. It was far more important for the well-wishers of Ireland that there should be peace and order than that they should economise at this juncture on a sum which was absolutely needed for the maintenance of the special forces. There was still a pall of uncertainty hanging over that country. There were many disorderly elements present; and it would be far better that there should be no cause for arising from weakness which might easily lead to the committing of acts of violence.

For all these reasons the House would be wise to support the Government in its policy. It was a policy which was succouring and sustaining the Government of Northern Ireland during its early difficulties—a policy which he firmly believed should be supported by those who still persevered in the direction of the great ideal of a united Ireland, loyal to the British Commonwealth of Nations. (Cheers.)

OPPOSITION.

Mr. Runciman opposed the vote, and said that he should vote against it. The speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, he said, if carried to a logical conclusion, would justify any demands made by the Government of Northern Ireland for succour and assistance.

Commander Kenworthy asked why, if there was peace in Northern Ireland, they had this potential army of 35,000 Special Constabulary in addition to the considerable British Regular force kept there. Such a large army was maintained by Bulgaria or Austria, and was an enormous force to be kept under arms. Had the Chancellor of the Exchequer any idea of the amount that, provided everything went on satisfactorily as at present, this would be the last demand made?

Mr. Churchill said that he had received an assurance from Sir James Craig that there was every reason to hope that if the state of peace in Ireland continued, as they trusted it would, during the present year, the disorganisation and reduction of the Special Constabulary Force would be rapid. He was certainly not committed to any further payments in the next year. It was, however, possible that if that process was delayed or become less costly a much smaller sum might be asked for. He thought there was good ground for hopes that it would be the last demand; but he could not guarantee that no further demands would be made upon us. If there were more, he thought they would be much smaller than they had been.

Mr. Snowden's amendment was defeated by 271 votes against 115, and the vote was then agreed to by 253 votes to 112.

FATAL FOWLING ACCIDENT.

YOUNG MAN FOUND SHOT.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

CHARLEVILLE, Monday.

A fatal occurrence is reported from Newtown Shandrum, Charleville, the victim being a young man named Patrick Reidy, who resided at Ballinahill.

At about 5 o'clock on Saturday evening Reidy went out fowling with a gun in some fields adjoining his home. He was subsequently found on the ground suffering from a severe gunshot wound in the head, and expired about two hours afterwards.

He was for a number of years employed in the office of the Superintendent of the Great Southern and Western Railway at Kingsbridge, from which position he resigned some years ago.

THE LATE LORD BARRYMORE.

"PLAN OF CAMPAIGN" RECALLED.

In an appreciation of Lord Barrymore, whose death was announced yesterday, *The Times* says:—

"As an Irish landlord Mr. Smith-Barry was a prominent figure in the resistance to the Nationalist agrarian movement known as the 'Plan of Campaign' from 1888 until 1891. The 'Plan' was an organisation to compel the landlords to make reductions in their rents. Rents were to be handed over to so-called 'trustees,' who were to retain them until the landlords attacked consented to accept the abatements demanded. This scheme was applied to about 40 estates, but was declared illegal by the Law Courts and condemned as immoral in the Rescript issued by Pope Leo XIII.

"In 1889 a syndicate of landlords was formed, with Mr. Smith-Barry at its head, for the purpose of assisting landlords who were attacked by the 'Plan.' Mr. Smith-Barry himself was admittedly an excellent landlord and was on the best of terms with his tenants.

"Nevertheless, the leaders of the 'Plan,' Mr. William O'Brien, M.P., and Mr. John Dillon, M.P., induced those tenants to refuse to pay their rents by way of protest against the action of their landlord. Mr. Smith-Barry was the owner of a large part of Tipperary, a town of 6,000 inhabitants, many of the shopkeepers had to give up their houses, and sacrifice the goodwill of their businesses; and for their accommodation a scheme was devised for building outside the old town a 'New Tipperary,' for which a fund of upwards of £30,000 was subscribed.

"The new town consisted of no more than a number of stalls, like an arcade, with a covered passage which was called 'The Mart.' It was opened at a banquet at which Mr. W. O'Brien presided. The whole scheme collapsed when the Irish Nationalist Party was disrupted on the question of Parnell's leadership in 1890. Mr. Smith-Barry was vice-president of the Irish Landowners' Convention, and was in much request as a speaker on public platforms during the struggle against Home Rule."

ADVERTISING THE NORTH.

PLANS FOR THIS YEAR.

BIGGER PAVILION AT WEMBLEY.

Northern Ireland is to have a pavilion at Wembley twice the size of that occupied last year.

This announcement was made by Mr. Archdale, the Minister of Commerce for Northern Ireland, in Belfast yesterday.

In this project, he was glad to say, they were well supported by the great industries of Ulster, despite the fact that the trade depression was being felt everywhere. This year, although trade had on the whole improved, they had not yet reached that steady level of prosperity and that absorption of unemployment by increased production at which they aimed.

"Accordingly we are," continued the Minister of Commerce, "in 1925 hoping to advertise Ulster even more intensively than was possible in 1924, and we are looking to our industries for even greater support and more striking exhibits than even those excellent displays provided last year.

"From the response thus far I am confident our efforts will not have been in vain. Our main object is to give good publicity, especially to those products of our Province which are exported either to Great Britain or overseas. In short, the Ulster Pavilion at Wembley will be a representative 'shop window' for our productions.

"I am sure that the great majority of those present to-day paid a visit last year to Wembley, in the course of which they, doubtless, sought out the Ulster Pavilion. That pavilion has this year been practically doubled in size, and, as you know, stands at a key site in the Palace of Industry at the junction of two great main avenues. This year we are extending the pavilion along the main avenue to the left of the junction, and we shall have an imposing frontage, a site which I can say, without fear of challenge, is the best in the whole palace."

GIFT TO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

THE LATE MR. J. R. GREEN'S LIBRARY.

The valuable historical library, consisting of many thousands of volumes, collected during his lifetime of the late John Richard Green, historian of the English people, will be presented this morning to the National University of Ireland by Mrs. Senator Green, whose object is to help the University in starting a real, historical library for students. Trinity College is already possessed of such a library, and the gift is made by Mrs. Green in the spirit that, where the question of learning and education in Ireland is involved all distinctions should disappear.

This is the second gift which has been made to the nation by the same donor within a few months, her first being the beautifully-designed casquet which was presented to the Senate on a recent occasion.

The library, it is understood, will be placed in a students' research room, three sides of which will be occupied by these ancient historical volumes. The large collection has been brought from London, and, with the exception of the volumes on Irish history, which Mrs. Green requires for her own work, the whole library will, it is said, in time, be given to the University. This collection of ancient historical works will form a valuable addition to the National University Library, and it is sincerely to be hoped that others will follow Mrs. Green's example.

SERVICE WAR BONUS.

POSITION OF POST OFFICE CLERKS.

Mr. P. W. Shaw, T.D., Belaire House, Mullingar, has received the following letter from the Secretary, General Post Office, London, setting forth the steps to be taken by claimants for arrears of war bonus in respect of service with the Forces. Mr. Shaw states that no useful purpose would be served by persons interested writing to him for further information, as the letter contains full instructions:—

General Post Office,
London, E.C.1,
20th February, 1925.

SIR,—With reference to your letters of the 30th of December and 13th of January, I am directed by the Postmaster-General to inform you that arrangements are now being made for dealing with claims for arrears of war bonus during service with the Forces from civil servants who are now employed in Ireland. In the case of Post Office servants the forms on which applications should be made may be obtained from the Accountant, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, Dublin, and these, when filled in, should be sent to the Postmaster of the office at which they are employed.

Those who are not Post Office servants should apply to the department in which they are or were employed—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

S. A. PATERSON
(For the Secretary).

Patrick W. Shaw, Esq., T.D.,
Belaire House, Mullingar.

THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVERTISING.

STATEMENT BY THE NORTHERN MINISTER OF COMMERCE.

The Minister of Commerce for Northern Ireland, Mr. R. H. Archdale, speaking yesterday at the Advertising Club of Ulster, said that the layman was sometimes staggered when he read of the huge advertising appropriations which were expended year by year by some of their largest firms, and wondered how goods could be sold at a profit when the costs were burdened with such a load.

The explanation of that riddle lies, of course, in the fact that great economies in cost were possible to those nowadays who could indulge in mass production, but mass production was only possible where there was mass demand for the product, and it was by advertising only, sustained in good seasons and bad seasons, that this mass demand could be maintained. He would like particularly to emphasise the necessity which he felt existed for taking time's courage in both hands during bad times, and setting out by advertising to stimulate the demand for one's goods.

It was a sign of the times that Governments were beginning to appreciate the advantages to be derived from publicity. If they turned to the special supplements of the leading trade newspapers they would find advertisements jetting forth the leading statistics and facts relative to a number of the Dominions and of certain foreign countries. In Ulster they had felt the necessity for taking all practicable steps to enable their citizens to obtain their full share in the reviving world's markets.

£100 WINES THEFT.

PRISONER ESCAPES FROM CELL.

A prisoner escaped from his cell at Bray Civil Guard Barracks last Monday morning, and is still at large.

The man—George McGarry, Shankill—was to have been charged, with James Lacy and Edward Wheeler, at Bray yesterday, in connection with the theft of £100 worth of whiskey, brandy, champagne, sherry, etc., the property of the Great Southern Railway Company. The liquor was missed from the bar in the Marine Hotel, which had been broken into last Saturday night, and again on Sunday night. Lacy and Wheeler were remanded.

Against Lacy there was a further charge of breaking a plate-glass window at the residence of Mr. George Wilde, Florence road, Bray, with intent to commit a felony.

DUBLIN THEATRES.

SHAKESPEAREAN WEEK AT THE GAIETY.

Mr. Charles Doran has brought his company of Shakespeare players to the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, for a week. This seems a short allowance, especially as this particular week is shortened by the Ash Wednesday closing; but in the five working days Mr. Doran is producing eight plays: all comedy till Friday, and then three of the tragedies.

Last night "The Merchant of Venice" was put on, Mr. Doran himself taking the part of Shylock. His rendering is by now well known in Dublin. His company contains many new members, but they are, in competence, not below their predecessors. The cast last night included the following:—Portia, Miss Muriel Hutchinson; Jessica, Miss Marjorie Woodhall; Nerissa, Miss Dorothea Palmer; Antonio, Mr. B. A. Pittar; Bassanio, Mr. Frederick Fanton; the Duke of Venice, Mr. F. Thornton Bassett; Lorenzo, Mr. R. Eric Lee; and Lancelot Gobbo, Mr. G. Bussy Parry.

As always in Mr. Doran's productions, the setting was impressive in the extreme. With simple means, and chiefly by a well-studied use of lighting devices, very beautiful stage pictures were arranged. The advantage of their simplicity was seen in the rapidity with which changes of scene were made. Thus Mr. Doran was enabled to present the play with few "cuts," and little re-arrangement of the text. The stage management was also excellent as regards the grouping of the players, so that they, with costumes well devised to combine with the decorative scheme, were as figures in a series of beautiful living pictures. One is glad to think that the many young people who will be seeing the plays in the course of the week will have their impressions of Shakespeare's text linked with such tasteful visions.

This afternoon "As You Like It" will be played, and to-night "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

THEATRE ROYAL.

Gertie Gitana, the versatile music hall star, has had quite a pleasing song and story entertainment built round her popular song, "Nelly Dean," which was an immediate success at the Theatre Royal last night. The secret of that success was Miss Gitana herself. In all her infinite variety of moods she was really a great artiste. In three of the four scenes she is on the stage most of the time. She is supported by a company that is strong in dancing. Viola Williams has a pretty song in "Billy Boy." Danie Vernon's comedy work is good. The music throughout is catchy, and the staging and dressing of the show attractive.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

The Dixie Minstrels returned to the Tivoli Theatre last night for the last week of their Irish tour. Their programme catered for all tastes. The quartettes, "Down where the Water Melons Grow" and "John Brown's Baby," were especially well received. The several solo items included "I've Lost the Best Pal I Had," which was admirably rendered. There was also a series of instrumental items, including a selection of Irish airs by the band. Neil Regan sang comic songs; Jack Power sang some plantation songs in character, while a performance of juggling, acrobatics, singing, and comedy was given by Peakman and Bells.

OLYMPIA THEATRE.

There is good vocal and instrumental music in the revue, "There You Are Then," that was performed at the Olympia Theatre last night. The comedy parts were chiefly in the hands of Rose Warren, who was very happy in his characters; Maudie Edwards, who combined refined singing with graceful acting, and Mabel Hurst and Ernest Seebold, both pleasing artists, as well as Rich Kelly and Alma Zola. The Jazzaganza Girls and the Six Dancers were gay performers, and the choruses were bright and lively. The Gramophone Band and the Alabama Syncopated Orchestra were features of the performance that were appreciated by the audiences.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Real racehorses appear on the stage in "Derby Day," a revue at the Queen's Theatre. Its attractions include a hare hunt "direct from Wembley and the London Club" and a scene which is described as a replica of Epsom Downs. There is much music in the revue, which contains six scenes. A competition will be held in connection with each performance and prizes awarded.

OBITUARY.

SIR EDWARD THORPE.

Sir Edward Thorpe died yesterday morning at Whinfield, Salcombe, South Devon, a residence that he built about fifteen years ago. A distinguished scientist, Sir Edward Thorpe was born in 1845. He was Emeritus Professor of General Chemistry in the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington, and was President of the British Association in 1922.

SIR ROBERT TURNBULL.

Sir Robert Turnbull, who was for forty-six years in the service of the London and North-Western Railway Company, for twenty-one years as Superintendent of the Line, and for a brief period before his retirement General Manager, died on Sunday at his residence at King's Langley, Hertfordshire, aged seventy-three.

THE REV. W. BRENNAN.

His many friends in Dublin and throughout the country will hear with regret of the death of the Rev. William Brennan, C.P., Vice-Rector of St. Gabriel's, Enniskillen, which occurred yesterday at a private hospital in Dublin. The deceased priest had been ailing for some time, and though the end was sudden it was not unexpected. Born sixty years ago in the County Meath, he entered the Passionist Order in early middle age, and was well known and in constant demand as a missioner and director of Retreats. He filled many offices in his Order, the most important of which was as Rector of St. Paul's Retreat, Mount Argus, Dublin. His remains will be brought to the church there this evening at 6 o'clock, and to-morrow he will be buried after Office and Solemn Requiem Mass at 10 o'clock.

LIMERICK SAWMILLS STRIKE.

MEN TO RESUME WORK.

Through the intervention of Dr. W. F. Fogarty, Chairman of the Limerick Conciliation Board, a conference representative of employers and the Transport Workers' Union took place in the Limerick Chamber of Commerce yesterday evening for the purpose of trying to effect a settlement of the strike in the three city sawmills, which has been in operation since the month of January last. The strike was the outcome of a refusal by the men to accept three-quarter time.

After a protracted discussion a settlement was reached to the effect that the men should resume work on Wednesday morning on full time.

As a result of the settlement the steamer Loophead, which has been "held up" in the port for weeks past with a cargo of cement for Messrs. Spaight, will be discharged forthwith.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY TIME-TABLE.

A new time table will come into operation on the Great Southern Railway next Monday. Principal alterations are advertised on page 12 of to-day's *Irish Times*. Down and up mail trains, Kingsbridge to Cork, and other important main line trains will be accelerated.

PETROL EXPLOSION.

Fire broke out in O'Reilly's store, Queen street, Enniskillen, last Saturday night, and two 50-gallon tanks of petrol exploded. The roof of the shed was blown off and the building destroyed. Motor vehicles, flour and other contents were saved.

Insurance at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—J. R. Warner, Manager. Agents everywhere.—(Advt.)

TAXES IN THE FREE STATE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Is it all very well for the proposers of the abolition of internal income tax in the Free State to say that the loss in revenue that would result could be made good by departmental savings. A Minister of Finance who did not in his Budget arrange for a fair distribution of taxation as between direct and indirect taxes would very quickly find himself in very heated exchanges with the Labour members of the Dail, and I believe that his opponents would have all the advantage in argument.

If the income tax is to go, some other form of direct taxation must be substituted, so that later on, if there were opportunity to reduce taxation generally, indirect taxation, as well as direct, would benefit.

The public must not assume that such schemes are non-existent. Doubtless, the Revenue Commissioners of the Free State have more than one such filed away in their particularly private bureaux. In the old days, under the British Government, a favourite question at departmental examinations for promotion in the Inland Revenue service was to require the candidate to elaborate some new tax that would produce so much annually. I would ask you to publish one such scheme that I have worked out on general lines, leaving particular details to be elaborated later.

Briefly, it is to apply the licensing arrangements that at present hold in connection with the retail sale of intoxicants to all other business, trades or professions. At present the publican pays annually a sum equal to half the annual valuation of his premises for the privilege of selling beer, wine and spirits for consumption on his premises. This broad principle is subject to the licence duties not being less than a certain minimum amount according to the situation of his premises in a rural or urban area. It must be remembered that the proposal which I make is not for additional taxation, but as a substitute for the present income tax; that would produce an amount equal to, or possibly in excess of, that produced by the discarded tax, but would be free from the inquisitorial inspection of a man's most private affairs by public officials.

A doctor of medicine, occupying a house valued at, say, £50 *per annum*, would take out his licence to practise medicine for one year for £25. If the annual value of his premises were £80, he would for the same privilege have to pay £40; and similarly with a dentist, architect, barrister-at-law, solicitor or member of any other recognised profession. Of course, where a man did not use his private residence in his professional capacity, but an office remote from his residence, the licence duty amount would be determined by the annual value of such office or offices, if more than one were so utilised.

As regards shopkeepers, the introduction of the proposed licensing system would materially help to remedy a growing evil in the life of to-day as they have to live it. I refer to the growth of the multiple shops that stock popular lines out of every trade. It would be necessary to define strictly what goods could be legally sold under the licence issued. A draper's licence should not cover the sale of confectionery or the conduct of a restaurant on his premises. A chemist should not be at liberty to infringe on the trade of a cutler by selling razors, safety or otherwise. It would be necessary to set up a committee of inquiry into the different businesses and determine what class of sales was legitimate to every business and embrace all these under one licence, and exclude everything else. Of course there would be full liberty for any individual or company to take out as many separate licences for different businesses to be carried on on the same set of premises as they would wish; and I have no doubt that large business houses would avail themselves of that liberty.

Lastly, as regards farmers, I would propose that all holdings under a certain valuation—say, £25—would be free from licence duty, and all holdings above that in value would also be free, provided that a certain percentage of the holding—say, 10 *per cent.*—was cultivated as distinct from being laid down in permanent pasture. Where a holding did not fulfil this requirement, the occupier would be rated as a stock-raiser and would have to pay licence duty according to the rules governing other businesses.

This is only a hurried outline of the scheme. In the absence of definite statistics it would be impossible to fix anything. The suggestion that the licence duty should be half of the annual value of the premises devoted to a profession or business is only a suggestion. It could be anything—one-eighth, a quarter, one-third or any other proportion—according to the amount of revenue that it was desired to raise.—Yours, etc.,

"TRADER."

Dublin, February 23rd, 1925.

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The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland, has arranged to hold its next examinations in Dublin and Belfast on May 26-29 next.

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General Inference.—A very deep depression remains centred southward of Iceland, and reports from the Atlantic indicate another intense secondary about 600 miles west of Ireland moving eastward. Winds will become southerly generally, with a renewal of gales in the West, and rain will spread eastward during the day probably to all parts of the Kingdom.

Ireland.—Wind backing southerly, and increasing to gale; becoming dull and rainy, with rather poor visibility; milder temporarily.

All Irish Seaboards.—Wind southerly, increasing to gale; rainy; visibility moderate; sea rough.

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Theatre Royal—"Nellie Dean," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"The Land of Heart's Desire," "The Old Man," and "The Coiner," 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Derby Day," 6.50 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"There You Are Then," 7 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"The White Moth," 3.40, 6.40, and 9 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"The Wanters."
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Corinthian—"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," 2, 4.10, 6.15, and 8.30 p.m.
The Pavilion Dun Laoghaire—"The Net," 4, 6.25, and 9 p.m.
Lantern Lecture, Sandford Parish Hall, 8 p.m.
The St. Philip's Lectures, Lecture Hall, Temple road, Rathmines, 8 p.m.
The Dansant, Clery's, 3.30 p.m.
Sheriff's Court, Green street, 11 a.m.
Dublin Literary Society, 36 Parnell square, 8 p.m.
Dublin Circuit Court, 11 a.m.

A BRITISH CREW'S ORDEAL.

KINGSTOWN INSTITUTE ADDRESS.

A story of exceptional courage was told at the Institute, Kingstown, last night, when Captain G. Watkin-Williams dealt with the trials of a British crew in the hands of the Senussi, a North African tribe under Turkish rule.

Their vessel, H.M.S. Tara, was torpedoed by a German submarine, and officers and men, numbering nearly a hundred, were marched into the heart of the Red Desert in the Libyan plateau. They lived like cave men, by a wretched wall in the midst of a stony waste, after having been marched two hundred miles from the coast. Under a renegade Egyptian they were made to suffer from heat and cold, thirst and hunger, torture and insult. Sixty-five of them were kept five nights in an earth-opening ten feet under the ground, with one air-hole, while most of them suffered from dysentery. In better circumstances they were for months never without the gnawing sensation of hunger.

At length Captain G. Watkin-Williams determined to escape to the coast in the hope of getting into touch with the British, who, hearing that they were still alive, might be able to send relief. The story of his journey alone across a hundred miles of desert was a tale of knight errantry.

THE LATE DR. COSGRAVE.

A Memorial Service was held in St. George's Parish Church, Dublin, on Sunday morning last in memory of the late Dr. MacDowel Cosgrave. A muffled peal was rung on the bells before the Service by the Amateur Change Ringers, of whom Dr. Cosgrave had been a member for many years. Appropriate hymns, psalm, and lessons were used, and the Rector, Canon Greer, spoke of the long connection which Dr. Cosgrave had with the parish, and the various offices he had held from time to time, also of his many kind actions to the poor. The Service was closed with the Dead March in "Saul." The Select Vestry sent a handsome wreath to the funeral.

After hunting with the Quorn Hounds yesterday, the Prince of Wales returned to London last evening.

The Irish Times.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1925.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Dublin Chamber of Commerce has issued an important report regarding taxation in the Free State.—(Page 7.)

The proposal made by Cork business men for the abolition of income tax on incomes earned in the Free State was discussed yesterday at the Dublin Rotary Club.—(Page 7.)

A grant of £1,250,000 in aid of the Northern Ireland Special Constabulary was passed yesterday at Westminster.—(Pages 7 and 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Queen will accompany the King on his yachting cruise in the Mediterranean.—(Page 7.)

In the King's Bench Division, London, yesterday, Mrs. Adelaide Constance Lubbock, a grand-daughter of the fourteenth Earl of Eglinton, was awarded £500 in her breach of promise suit against Mr. Frank Greswold-Williams, a man of much wealth.—(Page 9.)

Speaking at an election meeting in London last night, Earl Balfour declared that there could be no advancement and no prosperity where class warfare was preached and practised.—(Page 8.)

ABROAD.

The Australian Government Shipping Line has incurred a loss of £11,000,000 since 1921, and the fleet is to be sold. The line cannot be maintained while the ships are subject to Australian industrial awards.—(Page 8.)

An American expedition has found a number of fossilised remains of prehistoric animals in Bolivia and Patagonia.—(Page 7.)

SPORTING.

At Leicester yesterday Ormada won the Leicestershire Handicap Hurdle Race.—(Page 10.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were firm, with several active spots.—(Page 11.)

Money was in good supply in Lombard street at 3½-3 per cent. Discounts were unchanged. Foreign Exchanges were depressed.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin the feature was a sharp rise of 10s. in Courtaulds to 81s. 4½d. on the increased dividend.—(Page 11.)

The Paramount Need.

Last November the Free State Minister for Finance invited the Dublin Chamber of Commerce to make suggestions concerning the incidence of taxation, and it has taken him at his word. We print to-day a special committee's report which can be summarised in one sentence: taxation must be reduced. The report recommends the immediate reduction of Free State income tax below the British level, with the abolition, or, at any rate, the gradual disappearance, of the egregious corporations profits tax. It recommends also the reduction of duties on tea and sugar, the removal of the Customs entry duty and postal delivery fee, and the lowering of the present stamp duty on capital and conveyances. No further protective duties, it declares, ought to be introduced until the results of last year's experiment have been examined very carefully after a fair trial. Expenditure should be reduced in every possible way; and, finally, the Government should decide during the next five years to cover its "exceptional non-recurring and capital expenditure," as well as possible Budget deficits and the cost of the army above two million pounds *per* year, by borrowing. It is almost certain that British income tax will be reduced next April by sixpence in the pound; therefore, the Dublin Chamber's proposal is equivalent to a demand that Free State income tax shall be reduced by one and sixpence to three and sixpence in the pound. Until the income tax falls below the British level capital will continue to leave the country, trade will be stagnant and the problem of the unemployed will become increasingly difficult of solution.

These proposals do not satisfy the business men of Cork, two of whose representatives explained their scheme for the abolition of "internal" income tax to the Dublin Rotary Club yesterday. Mr. J. S. Punch gave an admirable outline of the plan. The total amount of income tax paid into the Free State Exchequer during the last financial year was £5,388,000, of which, according to Mr. Blythe, some £2,000,000 represented arrears. Mr. Punch, who is of opinion that Mr. Blythe underestimates the yield of current income tax, takes £1,000,000 as the amount of arrears for the period in question. The total yield of actual income tax, therefore, "internal" as well as "external," came to £4,388,000, of which, cancelling super-tax against various allowances, we may regard £1,100,000 as being, roughly, the product of investments, etc., outside the Free State. The amount of "internal" tax on this basis would work out at £3,288,000, or, if we deduct the odd money for collection costs, a net sum of £3,000,000. This is the sum which Mr. Punch and his friends desire to abolish. They argue that Mr. Blythe inevitably must make some reduction of income tax. A reduction by one and sixpence in the pound would cost the country about £1,500,000 *per annum*. Therefore, at the very outside the difference between the schemes of Cork and Dublin is £1,500,000 a year, while, on the assumption that Mr. Blythe's own estimate of arrears is correct, it is only £500,000. Mr. Punch and his friends maintain that the benefits of their plan are so immeasurably superior to those of any other proposals that the risk, if there be a risk, ought to be taken, and that income tax, so far as it is levied on Free State investments and incomes, ought to be abolished without further delay.

There is complete unanimity on one point. Taxation must be reduced, and must be reduced substantially. The present tax revenue is about £26,500,000—an amount which, in the opinion of many experts, is at least £7,000,000 too high. The Dublin proposals would reduce it by £1,500,000, *plus* the cost of a reduction in the tea and sugar duties, *plus* the loss involved in the minor readjustments which are suggested. The Cork scheme would bring it down by £2,000,000 or £3,000,000. The main objection to Mr. Punch's plan—which has gripped the imagination of the public, and for that reason alone is extremely valuable—is that it would disturb the equipoise between direct and indirect taxation to the detriment of the poorer classes. On the other hand, of course, the abolition of income tax would reduce the cost of living, and thus the losses on the roundabouts would be regained on the swings. Another objection—which applies in a less degree to the Dublin plan—is that, if the Free State taxes itself at a lower rate than Britain, the ground will be cut from under its feet when the nasty problem of Article V. of the Treaty comes to be decided; but for the moment, at any rate, that objection is academic. As we think, the most cogent argument against the Cork scheme is the fact that it tackles only one aspect of the general problem of taxation, whereas no lasting progress can be made until the whole fiscal system of the Free State is re-cast nearer to the economic and financial requirements of the country. Yet Cork is giving the whole Free State a lead in good citizenship, and we are glad that the Dublin Chamber of Commerce has reinforced its case for lower taxes in such a striking manner.

The Real Russia.

The new Russo-Japanese Treaty was signed a month ago at Tokio. It restores diplomatic and consular relations between the two Powers, and Japan receives concessions for the working of minerals, forests and other natural resources in Soviet Russia. On the other hand, Japan has agreed to evacuate North Saghalien, which she has occupied since some of her subjects were massacred at Nikolaievsk in 1920. The question of debts due to Japan by the former Russian Government will be adjusted by negotiation, and the conditions under which Japanese may trade in Russian territory remain to be defined. The treaty was signed under such urgent pressure from Karakhan, the Soviet Ambassador, that the Japanese Minister, who was bed-ridden, was wheeled into his library at two o'clock in the morning. Russian cinematographers were present at the ceremony. The haste and pictorial publicity are explained by the fact that the Russians were anxious to blazon their diplomatic achievement in Moscow on the anniversary of the death of Lenin. If Russia's hungry and discontented millions are not to get wholly out of hand, they must receive some proof that their Government is improving its position in the world. It is doubtful, however, that the Russo-Japanese Treaty, or a dozen similar treaties, will do much to reconcile the Russian people to their miseries. Truth, which emerges even in an affidavit, has emerged even in the report of the recent delegation of English trade unionists. Mr. Purcell and his colleagues probably went to Russia with the fixed intention of bringing back a triumphant message for British Labour, but their experience has been too much for them. They are unable to suggest that the "entire system" of Soviet rule—political, industrial and social—"would be applicable to this country." From the subdued and guarded language of their report one gets, clearly enough, the impression of general hunger, dirt, hopelessness and discomfort. Hospitals and prisons were crowded. The delegates praise the "moral machinery" of the Soviet Government, but it is hampered by "want of capital." "A definitive budget has not yet been accomplished." The delegates have significantly little to say about the vital question of wages, housing and conditions of work; but they admit that family life hardly exists and that "social intercourse is impossible." They say that "there is no actual persecution of the clergy as such," but do not deny that individual clergy are persecuted on a large scale. In a word, the report will not convert one intelligent British working-man to the principles or practices of Russian Communism. The delegates' cheerfulness about Russia's agricultural position is contradicted by the simple fact that her Government is to-day a large buyer of wheat in the world's markets. Indeed, the latest accounts suggest that the spectre of a new famine is hovering over Soviet Russia. The reserves of wheat in the Ukraine are nearly exhausted, and the prices of grain, flour and bread are rising swiftly. The Russo-Japanese Treaty will not feed the famished citizens of Moscow and Leningrad.

Ireland and Wembley.

Is it not time that the Free State Government should announce its intentions as to participation in this year's Exhibition at Wembley? Plans for an effective exhibit cannot be drawn up in a week, and private firms cannot be expected to co-operate if they are denied adequate time in which to prepare their contributions to the display representing the products of the State. Our Northern fellow-countrymen are furnishing an exhibit which will occupy double the space that was devoted to their display last year. This fact proves convincingly that Northern Ireland found last year's participation in the Exhibition beneficial to its trade and industries. It is announced also that Canada is not satisfied even with the splendid demonstration in her pavilion last year, but intends to exhibit in 1925 "on a bigger and better scale." Many reasons might be adduced for wholehearted participation by the Free State, but the most practical reason is also the most unanswerable. The Free State ought to take part in the Exhibition as an act of sound business policy. Conversely, to let slip this precious opportunity to advertise Irish products and to develop Irish trade with the world's richest market would be an act as indefensibly absurd as that of a poor man who should walk past scattered gold that he was too feckless to gather. In a few weeks—if no step is taken—it will be too late to organise a worthy Free State exhibit, and this country, which so much needs a revival of business, will have lost the finest opportunity of a century to expand its markets, to attract capital, to bring tourists and to make its name and credit respected. Will the *Dail* or Senate move? Will the business community take prompt action?

Examinations.

Schoolmasters and others will read with interest proposals for a method of "objective examining" which has been mooted by a correspondent of *The Times*. There are four variables—the child, the teacher, the examiner and the setter of the papers. Some examiners will be too indulgent, some too strict. How, then, can a method of testing students be found which will do steady justice and will defy variations in examiners and papers? It is suggested that the fault of old systems lay in the habit of examiners to mark papers in comparison with an ideal pass standard, which would vary, naturally enough, in different examiners' minds. Let the pass standard be forgotten, says the propounder of the new system. Let the children's papers be scrutinised until the papers representing the endeavour of "the median child" are found—the papers tendered by those children whose mental and physical ages coincide and whose work is nearest to the mean level of ability. If the "median" paper be marked 50, a constant standard will be established. Papers then examined may be marked anything from 0 to 100, accordingly as they surpass or fall short of the quality of the "median" paper. When marking is completed the papers are ranged in a definite order of merit. Variations in the difficulty of the papers set at different examinations, or in the strictness of the examiners, will not affect the validity of this result. The examiner takes no responsibility for the passing of candidates. He hands in his list in order of merit, and other authorities decide upon the percentage of competitors that will receive passes. It is claimed for this system that it would eliminate the personal factor from ordinary systems of examining.

THE SHAREHOLDER'S PASS.

IN MEMORIAM.

I held it truth that we should gain
When railway systems did unite,
And stand forth in their common might
To end the days of stress and strain.

But vain the forecast, it appears.
At present we must fail to match,
Or reach a hand thro' time to catch
The interest of far-off years.

Yes, e'en the boon that used to be
Is now withheld—the railway pass
Which brought together every class,
The layman and the stout P.P.;

Which kept the key of all the creeds,
And oped the first-class carr'age door:
Blest portal, that shall ope no more
In any train at any speeds.

Ring out, sad bells, across the Lee!
From Eastern wave to Western shore
All, all are gathered to deplore
That vanished "Open, Sesame."

O, where to us shall be the advance,
And what to me remains of good?
I stay at home, and wish I could
Travel, as heretofore, "*en prince*."

Co. Cork, February 21st, 1925. F.

R.D.S. RECITAL.

MISS BEATRICE HARRISON.

A good example to concert managers was set by the Royal Dublin Society, with respect to the musical recital arranged for yesterday. When one artiste failed, they secured a better. Miss Youra Guller, the young pianist who was liked so much when she played for the Society last season, was to have come again yesterday, but, some months ago, she was advised that for reasons of health she must give up all playing this season.

The Society had good time for the arrangement of a substitute programme, and Miss Beatrice Harrison was engaged. Some members who enjoy pianoforte recitals above all others may have been disappointed; but Miss Harrison is, of course, one of the cleverest and most cultured of performers on the 'cello, and, in engaging her for this date, those in charge of the Society's musical arrangements certainly please the majority of the members.

The greater part of the programme comprised old music, which sits well, so to speak, on the 'cello, a dignified instrument in clever hands. A sonata of Sammartini, a concerto of Haydn, and three graceful movements in dance-forms, by Handel, Haydn, and Senaille, were the works drawn from a more formal age than ours. Miss Harrison's exquisite phrasing doubled the charm of those old sentences, which suggest the Bacon of the Essays, or (if one take the livelier thought and rather more pretentious expression of the Haydn concerto) a later essayist in Addison.

Miss Harrison can secure a good weight of tone from her instrument, but she did not force that upon our notice; and half the delight that her playing gave was contained in the sense one had that she was always well within her reserves. Nothing was over-stressed, and one was never on edge, as sometimes happens in listening to musical performances, lest some climax should fail to be "pulled off." In this avoidance of over-emphasis, not less than in positive neatnesses of execution, lay one's pleasure in Miss Harrison's playing. The clean, incisive shape of the musical sentences was reflected in the performance of them; and the sweetness of their temper likewise had its counterpart in the beauty of tone produced from the instrument.

The audience felt a compliment in the inclusion in this programme of a set of Irish airs, all very beautifully set for the 'cello. Besides a setting of the "Bard of Armagh" air by Freeby, three airs arranged by Mr. Herbert Hughes were played. They made pretty material for Miss Harrison's subtle bow.

As accompanist, Miss Margaret Harrison entered gracefully into the spirit of the chief performer's work, and the whole recital was highly enjoyable.

THE POLITICAL LEVY.

CONSERVATIVE MEMBER AND "INFAMOUS BULLYING."

Mr. Edward Grenfell, M.P., speaking yesterday at the annual meeting of the City of London Conservative and Unionist Association, at which Lord Hunsdon presided, mentioned instances where it was impossible for the miner to contract out of the political levy. The Members elected to the House of Commons by the support, in many cases, of these miners told him that if nothing was done on this question such Conservative members would never get in again. "I should prefer that the trade unions put their own house in order, and abolish this infamous way of bullying their members," said Mr. Grenfell. If the Government were prepared to bring in a measure of their own in the next year he thought that would be best. Meantime, he suggested that a committee might look into the whole programme.

Sir T. Vansittart Bowater said that he considered that if the Government could not be got to introduce a measure for dealing with this serious question of a political levy, then the parties should support a private member's measure.

RECENT WILLS.

The Most Hon. Charlotte Josephine, Marchioness of Winchester, of 69 Grosvenor street, London, S.W., for some years President of the Hampshire Branch of the Red Cross Society, who died on December 28 last, wife of the sixteenth Marquess of Winchester, daughter of Colonel J. S. Howard, of Ballina Park, Co. Wicklow, and widow of Mr. Samuel Garnett, of Arch Hall, Co. Meath, left unsettled property in her own disposition of the gross value of £11,575, with net personalty £10,446.

Mr. James Ross Byrne, 17 Raglan road, Dublin, one of the oldest practising solicitors in Dublin, who died suddenly while sitting at his desk on January 15 last, left personal property in England valued at £2,563. He left all the property to his wife absolutely.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.

The Senate of Dublin University will meet in the Theatre of Trinity College to-day, at 2 p.m., for the purpose of considering a Grace from the Board for the establishment of the degree of Bachelor in Commerce.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales will arrive in London to-day from the country and will preside to-night at the festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Royal Female Orphanage, in the Grocers' Hall, Prince's street.

To-night the Princess Royal, who yesterday visited her daughter, Lady Maud Carnegie, on her return to London, will attend the annual party of the Church Army Alexandra Working Girls' Club, and will present the prizes to the successful members.

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Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught attended the race meeting at Rangoon last Saturday, and received a great ovation when they drove on to the course, and later when the Prince presented the local Derby and the Connaught Cups to the winning owners. On Sunday morning their Royal Highnesses left for Mandalay.

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The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry have arrived at Mount Stewart, Co. Down, from London. The Countess of Arran is staying at Bordighera, and is expected back in London in about a fortnight. Lady Rossmore, who left London a few days ago, has arrived at Monte Carlo, and is staying at the Riviera Palace Hotel. The Hon. Lady Bingham has returned from Paris, and has joined her husband, Major-General the Hon. Sir Cecil Bingham in London.

The Swedish Minister and Baroness Palmstierna and their daughter, the Bolivian Minister and Madame Gutierrez, Prince and Princess Vladimir Galitzine, Prince and Princess Nicholas Galitzine and M. and Madame Okamoto were among the distinguished foreigners at the *thé dansant* which was given at the Centaur Club, London, by the Hon. Mrs. Donough O'Brien. The Irish guests included Priscilla Countess Annesley, Lord and Lady Clanmorris, Lady de Freyne, Lord Decies, the Hon. Mrs. Francis White, Captain the Hon. D. Foster O'Brien and the Hon. Mrs. O'Brien, Lady Muir Mackenzie and Sir John and Lady Pretyman Newman.

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Among the latest British arrivals at Mentone are Viscountess Arbuthnott, Lord and Lady Bateman, the Hon. Mrs. Noel Hill, Lady Dering, Lady Glyn, Brigadier-General Sir Francis Garratt and Miss G. Garratt, Lady Kaye, Major-General Stuart Macdonald, Mr. W. Macdonald and Brigadier-General and the Mrs. C. T. Reay. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (formerly of Muckross) are spending the winter at Mentone, where they have been entertaining many friends.

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The new Dover street premises of the Ladies' Imperial Club, London, will be opened formally next month. The Duchess of Abercorn is the President, and the list of Vice-Presidents includes the names of many well-known peeresses. A new development is the formation of the Ladies' Imperial Association, which will be accommodated with a room in the club for the exclusive use of its members.

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Mrs. J. G. Oulton, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Cusack, has left Clontarf Castle, Dublin, for three months for Nairobi, B.E.A., on a visit to Captain and Mrs. Vernon.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place after Easter, between Captain Frederick A. Spencer, M.C., Royal Tank Corps, son of the late Mr Edward Spencer and Mrs. Spencer, and Geraldine Sophie, daughter of Sir Lucas White King, C.S.I., and Lady King.

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The marriage arranged between the Rev. G. J. F. Verschoyle, son of Mr. W. H. F. Verschoyle and the late Mrs. Verschoyle, of 19 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, and Frediswide Frances, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hornidge, of Clonlea, Farnham, Surrey, will take place next month.

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A marriage has been arranged, and will take place at the end of April in London, between Thomas Jessop, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Jessop Davis, of Fairfield, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford, and Ruth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Going, Altavilla, Cahir, Co. Tipperary.

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A marriage has been arranged, and will take place shortly, between Captain T. M. Rawlins, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, and Maud, youngest daughter of the late Hyacinth D'Arcy, D.L., New Forest, Co. Galway, and Mrs. D'Arcy, Redstoke, Camberley.

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The engagement is announced between Captain W. D. M. Christie, Royal Engineers, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Christie, Royal Parade, Cheltenham (and late of Ceylon), and Zoë Mackensie, eldest daughter of Colonel and Mrs. M. Churchill, College Lawn, Cheltenham.

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Dr. MacNaught has returned to 16 Temple Villas.

Mrs. Kent has returned to 71 Grafton street from London.

The lovely Gowns purchased in Paris by Mrs. F. B. Switzer are arriving daily at 88 Grafton street.

Lovely New Spring Hats, in Satins, Bankoks and Hand-made Pedals.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Gt. George's st.

New Collection of Confirmation Frocks, simple styles, in Ivory Crêpe-de-Chine and Voiles, etc.; new tunic styles and low-waisted effects, hand embroideries, and fish-bone stitchings; all sizes.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Chancellor and Son, Photographers. New Electric Studio, 7 Grafton street, Dublin.

Madame Renée is showing a delightful collection of Spring Models. Prices moderate.—Harry street (off Grafton street).

Madame Doyle has received a number of the Models, Gowns and Hats selected by her in Paris.—18 Wicklow street, Dublin.

Our buyer, Mrs. Hamilton, has returned from London with a charming selection of coats, frocks and hats for kiddies and girls to size 42". Also some lovely new undies have arrived.—Slyne and Co., Ltd., 71 Grafton street, 1 and 2 Harry street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
Arrivals—Mrs. N. F. S. Hatte, H. Conway Quinn, Edward Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Barry, Irish hockey team, J. C. McMahon, Captain J. C. Denoir, Mrs. Montgomery, Agnew Martin, Mrs. R. H. C. Lapdell, Major Stanley Kershaw, E. J. Allen, Mrs. H. B. Dobbs, Miss Cowl, Miss G. Cowl, Louis J. Sandler, J.P.; J. Campbell.
Departures—Miss N. K. Martin, Miss E. M. Martin, J. Kelly, Mrs. Charles Cottingham, Miss Eveline Burne, A. P. Pigott, James Russell, T. Murphy, Sir Arthur Chance, Mrs. H. M. Kent, Misses Scott, Marjorie Meaney, Harry Hutchinson, J. O'Rourke, Sydney Morgan, Frank Lynch, Gertrude Quinn, Mabel McMurrough, Frank Hugh O'Donnell, P. Austin, Alex and Mrs. Fennell, C. Smith Bingham, Mrs. Dwyer Joyce, Miss Nash, Mrs. Hugh Moore, the Misses Moore, Mrs. Boyle, Miss M. Mannion, Rev. J. P. Finegan, Rev. R. R. Callary, Mr. T. R. Finegan, Mrs. T. R. Finegan, Mr. F. W. Finegan, Mr. J. Brophy, Mr. W. B. Martin, Dr. Marie O'Flanagan, Miss Allen.
Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

Charming show of New Spring Millinery this week at McBirney's.

Mr. Mumford has returned from the Markets with the Latest Models in the New Spring Materials. Costumes from 8½ guineas. 18 Suffolk street, Dublin.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

DUBLIN GRADUATE OBTAINS A UNIVERSITY COMMISSION.

The British Air Ministry announces that, on the recommendation of their universities, the undermentioned graduates were appointed to permanent commissions as pilot officers in the General Duties Branch of the R.A.F. on the 17th January, with an antedate in each case of twelve months' seniority, under the university candidates' scheme of entry:—

Charles Ronald Hancock (Cambridge University).
Allen Henry Wheeler (Cambridge University).
John Henry Powle (Bristol University).
Charles Herbert Tighe (Dublin University).

All serious Utopias are enervated by undue disparagement and hatred of the present.—Dean Inge.

After all we are not a conquered nation, and we should not be the only nation which pays a tribute in relation to the war.—Lord Birkenhead.

LONDON LETTER.

THE KING'S ILLNESS.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON, MONDAY NIGHT.

The King, when visited by his medical advisers this morning, had a temperature nearly normal; but it has been a feature of his illness that there has been a marked fall of temperature by day, with an increase at night. Improvement in his condition, however, is manifest, and it would probably have been much greater if the weather had been more favourable. I understand that the doctors are really anxious that His Majesty shall leave London as soon as possible, since a return of foggy weather might be prejudicial to his recovery. He inherits from his father a form of bronchitis, known as capillary, which though not very dangerous, needs time for a complete cure. Until he is thoroughly recovered the King will not be allowed to smoke or to indulge in active exercise.

It is unlikely that Their Majesties will be able to leave for a cruise for another fortnight, when the time will be fast approaching for the departure of the Prince of Wales on his South African tour; and in the circumstances it is quite possible that a Privy Council Commission to act for the King may be appointed. Lord Stamfordham paid a visit to the Prime Minister to-day, and it is understood that this point was discussed. A Commission certainly will be necessary if the King, the Heir Apparent and the Duke of York are all absent from the country at the same time.

Royal Journeys.

The King is a widely travelled man, but his journeyings have been mainly to places under the British flag. He knows all the high seas of the world, but little of the European capitals. When, with the Queen, he paid his State visit to Rome, it was the first time that he had set foot in the Eternal City since he was a naval cadet, and the Queen had never been there. State visits have been paid to Berlin, Paris and Brussels. King Edward was well known at Homburg, Marienbad and Biarritz, and Queen Victoria paid a number of visits to the South of France; but the King and Queen have gone but little out of the Empire. They have not made a cruise in the Mediterranean since His Majesty came to the Throne.

The Political Levy.

The Committee of the Cabinet of which Lord Birkenhead is Chairman met to-day to begin its examination of Mr. Macquisten's Political Levy Bill. It is a small body and includes Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, the Minister of Labour, and Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, the President of the Board of Trade. The Committee will consider the bill from every point of view, not only to judge its possible effect on Conservative trade unionists, but also from the political standpoint. The Cabinet will wait for the report of this Committee before it decides upon the line which it will take. An exhaustive inquiry is the most favoured idea at the moment in official circles, but the rank and file, generally, want the bill.

The danger to the trade union movement which is threatened by the Political Levy Bill has rallied all sections of the movement into opposition. On Friday a conference of the Trade Union Councils and the General Council of the Trade Union Congress will meet in London for the purpose of co-ordinating activities throughout the country. It is quite possible that this meeting will be a prelude to a demonstration against the bill, for the object of the assembly is to make any emergency that may arise national rather than local. The General Council will give orders in the event of any large development, and area groups of Trades Councils will see that they are carried out. This will give the Communists an opportunity of which they will take full advantage.

Lord Balfour's Position.

There is talk at Westminster of Lord Balfour's entering the Cabinet in one of the more or less dignified positions allotted to elder statesmen. It seems that his assistance to the Government of late in the matter of Imperial defence has been invaluable; for his profound experience and matured wisdom have been brought to bear with great success on extremely pressing problems. This has led to a feeling in the Government that it might, perhaps, be of considerable benefit to the country if Lord Balfour should be in a position to give his advice and assistance on all matters when the Cabinet meets. A department is out of the question, but Ministers without portfolios are not unknown in our Constitution.

The Colonial Office.

Nothing further has been heard of the proposal that there shall be a change in the designation of the Colonial Office, but it is understood that the Cabinet has the matter in hand. It may be found, when the change of name is announced, that there is also a change in the powers of the Colonial Office since, now that so many overseas Dominions are self-governing, the scope for the department's activities is becoming limited. It will be remembered that there is another proposal under consideration, dealing with the *status* of the High Commissioners of the Dominions in London, and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that quite a new body may be set up to deal with these representatives as duly accredited Ambassadors of their respective States. The Colonial Office would then be left to deal with the Crown Colonies and Dependencies.

The Gold Standard.

The pros and cons of the renewal of the gold standard have been much discussed lately, but the address that Mr. McKenna has promised to deliver to the Commercial Committee of the House of Commons, on March 4th, should prove to be of more than usual interest. It will deal with the gold standard and the facts of its restoration—needless to say, from Mr. McKenna's point of view, which is not shared by every financial expert in the City of London.

Lord Bradbury's New Post.

Lord Bradbury, now that he has given up his post on the Reparations Committee, will be leaving Paris to take up his position as director of a well-known company. It is understood that this company is the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, and that Lord Bradbury will act as one of the Government's representatives on the board. The company was launched with the financial support of the Government of the day, and that Government reserved for its successors the right of appointing at least two directors to watch the interests of this country.

A Giant Switchback.

A switchback nearly a mile in length will be one of the features of the amusement section of the Paris Exhibition, which will open on April 1st. It is being built by a British firm, and will be transported in sections on ships which have been specially chartered for the purpose. The work has been entrusted to Sir Evan Williams, the engineer who constructed the giant racer at Wembley. It is to be the largest switchback in Europe, and will incorporate the safety devices that were included in the design of the Wembley track. The cars are in an advanced stage of construction, and it is hoped that the track will be complete and in working order by the time when the Exhibition opens.

DEATH.

McCONVILLE—February 24, 1925, at the Parochial House, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, Very Rev. Michael Blake McConville, P.P., V.G., Dean of Dromore. R.I.P. Funeral arrangements later.

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Removal of Postal Delivery Duty.
Better system of National Accounts.
No further Protective Tariffs for the moment.

Minimum cost of Dublin plan, £1,500,000.

DUBLIN BUSINESS[...]

The report of the Special Committee of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce to consider the incidence of taxation in the Irish Free State was issued yesterday. The Committee, which was formally constituted on December 1st last, held seven meetings.

Certain information was received from the Free State Minister of Finance as regards non-recurrent expenditure and other matters, but the Committee state that no information was placed at their disposal regarding the current yield of taxation or rate of expenditure on departments, which would enable them to forecast receipts and expenditure for 1925-26. The report is based, therefore, on the published estimates for 1924-25, which the Committee examined carefully.

The signatories to the report, which has been adopted by the Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, are:—

JOHN MACKIE (Chairman), Representing the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.
R. J. KIDNEY, Representing the Incorporated Society of Auditors and Accountants.
JONATHAN GOODBODY, Representing the Dublin Stock Exchange.
NEWMAN THOMPSON,
S. J. TOOLE, Representing the Irish Banks' Standing Committee.
J. C. FOLEY,
G. R. RYAN, Representing the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the Irish Free State.
G. BROCK,
S. D. BUDD,
J. C. M. EASON,
ALFRED FANNIN, Representing the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

The following are the main points made by the Committee:—

We have considered a variety of suggestions as to the manner in which the incidence of taxation in the Irish Free State might be adjusted so as to promote the immediate revival of trade and commerce, and we have unanimously arrived at the following conclusions:—

1—No useful purpose would be served by comparing the incidence of taxation in the Irish Free State with that of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, except as regards the income tax, which, having regard to the nature of the trade and other relations between the countries, should at once be reduced below the rate obtaining in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, while the corporation profits tax, if it cannot be abolished, should be reduced annually until it disappears.

CLOGGING INDUSTRY.

2—The case for the reduction of the income tax, not to the British level, but below it, is unanswerable in present conditions.

Credit, which is a plant of slow growth, has got a bad shock in this country, and its recovery is obviously retarded by the existence of a higher income tax here than in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Nothing would give a greater impetus to the steady revival of confidence in the future of the country than a reduction of the income tax below the level obtaining in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Apart from this consideration altogether, it must be admitted that a high rate of income tax acts as a serious clog on industry, in that it substantially reduces the reward which industry normally expects.

This is particularly harmful in a country like the Irish Free State, where private or semi-private enterprise is relatively much more prevalent than in other countries, and where the capital required for such is largely borrowed from the banks.

With an income tax of 5s. in the £, coupled in the case of companies with a corporation profits tax of 1s. in the £, and often coupled in the case of private firms with a super tax rising to 4s. 6d. in the £, it is impossible for borrowers or would-be borrowers to calculate on their being able to repay out of profits within a reasonable time the moneys required for expansion and development. The result is that in these conditions expansion and development cannot take place and unemployment will continue on its present demoralising scale.

3—We believe that the ultimate productivity of the income tax would be improved by making a special arrangement under which, during a given period after (say) 31st March, 1925, taxpayers who have been making incorrect or inadequate returns will be afforded an opportunity of rectifying matters for (say) three years to 31st March, 1925, without being subjected to any penalty, on the understanding, of course, that after the expiration of this period of grace the applicable penalties would be rigidly enforced in all cases in which disclosure had not been made.

COST OF LIVING.

4—It seems to us that the present is a[n] opportune time for altering the basis of th[e] assessment of all income under Schedule D. t[o] the preceding year—subject to adjustment [at] the option of the taxpayer—to the average o[f] the preceding three years in the first yea[r] after the change, and to the average of th[e] two preceding years in the second year afte[r] the change. Special arrangements woul[d] require to be made as regards losses.

5—A reduction should be effected in th[e] class of indirect taxation, which affects th[e] cost of living.

We suggest the reduction of the duties o[n] tea and/or sugar.

6—Every effort should be made to remov[e]

HOW BUSINESS CAN BE REVIVED.

INCOME TAX THE KEY TO PROSPERITY.

TWO PLANS IN BRIEF.

DUBLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUTLINES ITS VIEWS.

With the approach of the end of the financial year, Mr. Blythe is receiving considerable advice as to the methods by which he can reduce taxation in the Free State. Mr. J. S. Punch yesterday, at the Dublin Rotary Club, explained "the great idea" put forward by the Cork business men, and last night the Dublin Chamber of Commerce issued their scheme for the much-needed revision of taxation. The two plans can be briefly summarised as follows:—

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Minimum cost of Dublin plan, £1,500,000.

WHAT CORK WANTS.

Complete abolition of Income Tax on all incomes earned, and all dividends produced in the Free State.

Mr. Punch bases his plan on the following figures:—

Total amount of Income Tax paid into the Exchequer last year (a)	£5,388,000
Arrears	1,000,000
Net actual Income Tax	£4,388,000
Amount from investments outside the Free State	£1,100,000
Net "internal" Income Tax	£3,288,000
Less cost of collection	£3,000,000

which sum would be the maximum cost to the nation of the Cork proposal. On the assumption that, as Mr. Blythe holds, £2,000,000 of (a) above represents arrears, the cost would be only £2,000,000.

DUBLIN BUSINESS MEN'S PROPOSALS.

The report of the Special Committee of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce to consider the incidence of taxation in the Irish Free State was issued yesterday. The Committee, which was formally constituted on December 1st last, held seven meetings.

Certain information was received from the Free State Minister of Finance as regards non-recurrent expenditure and other matters, but the Committee state that no information was placed at their disposal regarding the current yield of taxation or rate of expenditure on departments, which would enable them to forecast receipts and expenditure for 1925-26.

The report is based, therefore, on the published estimates for 1924-25, which the Committee examined carefully.

The signatories to the report, which has been adopted by the Council of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, are:—

John Mackie (Chairman), Representing the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.
R. J. Kidney, Representing the Incorporated Society of Auditors and Accountants.
Jonathan Goodbody, Representing the Dublin Stock Exchange.
Newman Thompson,
S. J. Toole, Representing the Irish Banks' Standing Committee.
J. C. Foley,
G. R. Ryan, Representing the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the Irish Free State.
G. Brock,
S. D. Budd,
J. C. M. Eason,
Alfred Fannin, Representing the Dublin Chamber of Commerce.

The following are the main points made by the Committee:—

We have considered a variety of suggestions as to the manner in which the incidence of taxation in the Irish Free State might be adjusted so as to promote the immediate revival of trade and commerce, and we have unanimously arrived at the following conclusions:—

1—No useful purpose would be served by comparing the incidence of taxation in the Irish Free State with that of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, except as regards the income tax, which, having regard to the nature of the trade and other relations between the countries, should at once be reduced below the rate obtaining in Great Britain and Northern Ireland, while the corporation profits tax, if it cannot be abolished, should be reduced annually until it disappears.

CLOGGING INDUSTRY.

2—The case for the reduction of the income tax, not to the British level, but below it, is unanswerable in present conditions.

Credit, which is a plant of slow growth, has got a bad shock in this country, and its recovery is obviously retarded by the existence of a higher income tax here than in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Nothing would give a greater impetus to the steady revival of confidence in the future of the country than a reduction of the income tax below the level obtaining in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Apart from this consideration altogether, it must be admitted that a high rate of income tax acts as a serious clog on industry, in that it substantially reduces the reward which industry normally expects.

This is particularly harmful in a country like the Irish Free State, where private or semi-private enterprise is relatively much more prevalent than in other countries, and where the capital required for such is largely borrowed from the banks.

With an income tax of 5s. in the £, coupled in the case of companies with a corporation profits tax of 1s. in the £, and often coupled in the case of private firms with a super tax rising to 4s. 6d. in the £, it is impossible for borrowers or would-be borrowers to calculate on their being able to repay out of profits within a reasonable time the moneys required for expansion and development. The result is that in these conditions expansion and development cannot take place and unemployment will continue on its present demoralising scale.

3—We believe that the ultimate productivity of the income tax would be improved by making a special arrangement under which, during a given period after (say) 31st March, 1925, taxpayers who have been making incorrect or inadequate returns will be afforded an opportunity of rectifying matters for (say) three years to 31st March, 1925, without being subjected to any penalty, on the understanding, of course, that after the expiration of this period of grace the applicable penalties would be rigidly enforced in all cases in which disclosure had not been made.

COST OF LIVING.

4—It seems to us that the present is an opportune time for altering the basis of the assessment of all income under Schedule D. to the preceding year—subject to adjustment at the option of the taxpayer—to the average of the preceding three years in the first year after the change, and to the average of the two preceding years in the second year after the change. Special arrangements would require to be made as regards losses.

5—A reduction should be effected in the class of indirect taxation, which affects the cost of living.

We suggest the reduction of the duties on tea and/or sugar.

6—Every effort should be made to remove irritating and hampering restrictions on the natural course of trade.

We are familiar with the arguments which have been used in support of the Customs entry duty and the postal delivery fee, but we are satisfied that from the point of view of the development of trade and commerce the balance of advantage would lie in their removal.

At the same time we desire to make it quite clear that, in our opinion, no reasonable expenditure should be spared on the collection of all necessary statistical information.

We also suggest that the minimum Customs entry duty should be reduced.

STAMP DUTY.

7—We would like to pay a tribute to the energetic manner in which the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs has endeavoured to increase the efficiency of the postal service and to reduce the loss on the Post Office, but we feel that in the interests of better business it would be desirable to risk some reduction in postal charges.

8—The increase of limited liability companies in the Irish Free State would, in our opinion, result in the investment of much larger sums in Irish Free State enterprise under the protection afforded by limited liability, but the present cost of forming and registering a company is practically prohibitive so far as small and medium-sized undertakings are concerned.

A substantial reduction of the stamp duty on capital and of the duty on conveyances would overcome this difficulty and at the same time encourage the registration of companies in the Irish Free to represent British and Northern Ireland interests.

PROTECTION.

9—We are not agreed as to the respective merits of Free Trade and Protection in the Irish Free State, but we are unanimously of opinion that no further protective duties should be imposed pending a careful examination of the results of last year's experiments, after they have been given a fair trial.

10—Owing to the restrictions under which it must be operated, the Trade Loans (Guarantee) Act, 1924, cannot adequately provide the financial assistance required by many businesses which have suffered severely during the past few years, and it seems to us that the Government should consider as an alternative the desirability of facilitating the formation of an independent finance company which would be in a position to deal with the class of case contemplated by the framers of the Trade Loans (Guarantee) Act.

11—Every possible effort should be made to bring down expenditure to the minimum, consistent with efficient administration. In this connection we feel that steps should be taken to apply strict business methods as regards staffing, promotion, etc., in all Government departments; to formulate an "efficiency" standard in each department, and to institute tests with the view of ascertaining whether the State is obtaining good value for the remuneration which it is paying.

We are of opinion that this country cannot afford to frame its financial arrangements on the British scale, and we can see no good reason why the Irish Free State Civil Service should be based on the British model.

We also suggest that all pensions which are capable of being reviewed or varied should be kept under strict and constant scrutiny, and that advantage should be taken of the first available opportunity in each case to reduce the charge on the State.

12—The national accounts should be published in such form as not only to distinguish the exceptional from the normal, but also to show as nearly as may be possible the amount actually applicable to the year under review in respect of each of the main heads of revenue and expenditure.

Here, again, we need not be bound by the British form.

REVIVAL OF BUSINESS.

13—We believe that everything points now to a steady revival of business in Great Britain, and as this is bound to have its due reaction upon the Irish Free State, we think the Government would be justified in proceeding upon the basis that there will be a steady improvement here during the next five years.

In these circumstances a certain amount of risk may be taken in giving an immediate special fillip to trade and commerce, which would not be justified to the same extent if there were reason to believe that bedrock in trade depression had not been reached. To put it quite clearly, we have come definitely to the conclusion that the country is now in a position to make a quick and satisfactory response to substantial reductions in the burden of taxation.

We have indicated some of the directions in which we consider these reductions should be effected, and it merely remains for us to express the unanimous opinion that the Government would be amply justified in the circumstances of the case in borrowing for the next five years for all exceptional non-recurrent and capital expenditure; for possible deficits on the Budget; and for the cost of the Army in excess of £2,000,000, to which figure every effort should be made to bring the cost down as soon as this can be done without undue risk.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

14—We have indicated that a reduction in direct taxation would give an impetus to industry, and consequently reinstate in their former employments many of those at present unemployed, the major portion of whom belong to the Building and Allied Trades, and to the Transport and Distributive Services.

There is another aspect of the question to which we desire to draw attention. A sum of £350,000 has had to be found this year to maintain the Unemployment Insurance Fund in a solvent condition, making the total liability of the fund to the National Exchequer £1,153,000.

On the principle of unemployment insurance, there is general agreement, and it is also agreed that sound reasons dictated the policy of making temporary advances to

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CORK'S GREAT PLAN.

INCOMES EARNED IN SAORSTAT

TO BE FREE OF TAX.

DUBLIN BUSINESS MEN'S VIEWS.

THE proposal of Cork business men for the abolition of income tax on all incomes earned in the Irish Free State was discussed yesterday at a meeting of the Dublin Rotary Club.

Mr. J. S. Punch explained "the great idea." He said that the net value of the income tax collected from home sources could not exceed £3,000,000, and that the present rate could not be maintained by any Government with a sense of its responsibility.

To prevent an increase in the existing outflow of capital, the Free State tax must be at least sixpence below that of Great Britain. On the assumption that the British rate was reduced by sixpence in the next Budget, that would involve a reduction of 1s. 6d. in the Free State, or a loss of £1,500,000 to the revenue.

The difference between that loss and the loss which would follow the total abolition of internal income tax would be between £500,000 and £1,500,000. Would abolition be worth the price?

Answering his own question, Mr. Punch pointed to the way in which enterprise has been stifled by high income tax, and said that, if the tax were abolished, industry would be stimulated, the menace of unemployment would be smashed, the outflow of capital would cease, the cost of living would fall, and the whole country would march forward to stability and peace.

While they admired the ingenuity of Mr. Punch's arguments, the members of the Rotary Club were not inclined to accept them without reserve.

The risk of over-capitalisation and the alteration in the incidence of taxation that the proposal involves were pointed to by Mr. Carton.

Mr. J. C. Eason said that, if the proposal were adopted, the possibility of a reduction in indirect taxation would be wiped out. If he were asked for an opinion, he would say, "Rely on income tax and abolish other taxation."

THE CASE STATED.

HOW THE FIGURES WERE ARRIVED AT.

The meeting was held in Clery's Restaurant, and Mr. M. F. Rowan, Vice-President of the Club, occupied the chair.

Mr. Punch said that the proposal of Cork business men who had studied the subject carefully was:—"That from and at the date of the next Budget, the Free State income tax on all income earned in the Free State, by all persons wheresoever resident, shall be abolished."

"By that," he said, "we mean that the existing rate of income tax shall be maintained on all income derived from investments outside the Free State, and that all incomes produced inside the Free State shall be exempt.

"The total revenue for the last financial year ended March 31st, 1924, was over £31,000,000—the total amount of income tax collected, and paid into the Exchequer, was £5,388,000. The Minister for Finance had estimated for two millions less, including arrears. When introducing the following Budget, on April 25th last, he referred to this matter as follows:—

Income Tax, owing largely to the efforts to collect arrears, is two millions in excess of the estimate of a year ago.

"Mr. Blythe, in this statement, in our opinion, has pressed the case in favour of the abolition of internal income tax further than the facts will warrant. His suggestion that this sum of £5,388,000 contained two millions of arrears is, in our opinion, a generous exaggeration, and in order to be on the safe side we have reduced that estimate by half—namely, to £1,000,000. Deducting this million from the £5,388,000 you get a sum of £4,388,000 as the total income tax derived from external and internal revenue.

INVESTMENTS ABROAD.

"Quite recently, the Minister for Industry and Commerce stated that this country is in the peculiar position that it exports capital, and exports labour to be employed by that capital. He further stated that there is invested out of this country between one hundred and fifty and two hundred millions—that he knows there is over £8,000,000 in dividends coming in annually, and perhaps more.

"Though we have reasons—from investigations we have made—to believe that these figures are a very conservative estimate, both of capital invested abroad and the income tax thereon, we will take these figures. Income tax derived from £8,000,000 at 2s. 9d. is £1,100,000; portion of this amount is subject to super tax, which must be added to this figure, and portion of this amount is subject to allowances, and in the absence of more exact information we have balanced this one against the other, leaving a total derived from external revenue at £1,100,000.

"On Mr. Blythe's assumption that the original figure contained two millions in arrears, the net amount, therefore, derived from home income tax is about 2¼ millions. We, however, prefer the more conservative estimate of one million of arrears, which would make the total income tax received from home sources 3¼ millions maximum. The actual value of this to the State is 3¼ millions, less cost of collection, which we assume at not far short of a quarter of a million, leaving £3,000,000 net.

"Let the Minister of Finance dismiss from his mind, at once, that this three millions is a sum which he can keep at his disposal by the retention of internal income tax. Yield from income tax is falling, and will fall—the present rate of income tax cannot be maintained by any Government with a knowledge of existing conditions and a sense of their responsibility for the consequence of its continuance.

"The British rate of income tax will be reduced at least sixpence. To prevent an increase in the existing rate of outflow of capital, the Free State income tax, as a maximum, will have to be sixpence lower than the British rate—this would mean a drop of one shilling and sixpence, representing a loss of one and a half millions to the revenue.

"The cost of the total abolition of internal income tax would be two or three millions, depending on the estimate of arrears. The difference between the loss due to reduction, which is inevitable, on the whole income tax, and this proposal, is, therefore, between half-a-million and a million and a-half.

THE QUESTION.

"The question for the nation to decide is whether the advantages of this proposal are worth the price. Under existing conditions every limited liability company is liable to pay the Free State 6s. on every 14s. of net revenue, and the individual, 5s. on every 15s. of net revenue—which means that they pay 43 per cent. and 33 per cent. respectively in income tax alone, for permission to work and produce in the Free State. The result has been a complete discouragement of all enterprise in the Free State, and the driving out of its fluid capital.

THE GAIN.

"To exempt services and investment from income tax in the Free State will be completely to reverse this condition—it will stop the capital that is going out; it will call back the capital that has gone; it will produce extension of your existing industries and start new enterprises; it will create a demand for labour, and smash down the growing social menace of unemployment; it will lower the

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KING'S YACHTING CRUISE.

TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE QUEEN.

NO BULLETIN YESTERDAY.

No bulletins concerning the condition of the King were issued yesterday, although Lord Dawson, Sir Milsom Rees and Sir Stanley Hewett visited His Majesty in the morning and again last evening.

The Press Association understands that His Majesty's satisfactory, though slow, progress continues. It is understood that the King will follow the usual naval custom of going afloat at Portsmouth in the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which is in constant commission. The annual work of painting the yacht in dry dock and preparing her for summer use has been in hand for several weeks.

It is officially stated that the Queen will accompany the King when he goes for his health cruise in the Mediterranean.

A meeting of the Privy Council will be held at an early date to dispose of various matters of State business, and the question of the appointment of a Commission to carry on during His Majesty's absence will be considered.

When King Edward was visiting foreign countries it was his practice, acting on the advice of his Ministers, to authorise an *ad hoc* body to call meetings of the Privy Council, should any be necessary, and to act as his Commissioners. Generally there was no need for the Commissioners to act.

When the present King went to India something much more formal was considered necessary, and a "Council of State" was appointed to act on behalf of the Crown in the event of necessity.

When Their Majesties went to Italy, however, the Prince of Wales was empowered by, and with the advice of His Majesty's Privy Council, to act for the King in the matter of summoning any meeting or meetings of the Privy Council that might be necessary for the disposal of State business which could not await His Majesty's return.

On the present occasion both the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York will be abroad at the same time as the King, and, if it be found necessary to authorise somebody to act for the Crown, it is exceedingly probable that the practice of appointing a Commission will be reverted to. Whether this should take the form of a Council of State, a body of Commissioners, or an *ad hoc* Commission remains to be considered and determined.

If the King's absence is short, either form of appointment would be a pure formality.

ILLNESS OF GERMAN PRESIDENT.

OPERATION FOR APPENDICITIS.

BERLIN, Monday, 11.45 p.m.

President Ebert is suffering from appendicitis, and an immediate operation is imperative. This will be performed to-night by Professor Bier. Dr. Luther, the Imperial Chancellor, will carry out the President's duties as provided for by the Constitution during Herr Ebert's illness.—(Reuter.)

THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

AUSTRALIA WANTS CHANGE OF NAME.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

It is announced that Mr. Bruce, the Prime Minister, favours altering the name of the Colonial Office to Dominions Office or Imperial Office.—(Reuter.)

NAVIGATION BUOYS IN CORK HARBOUR.

BOARD OF WORKS PROPOSAL TO REMOVE THEM.

The proposed removal by the Board of Works in Dublin of six Government navigation buoys in Cork Harbour is causing much concern to the Cork Harbour Board.

The matter was discussed yesterday by the Dredge and Works Committee of the Harbour Board on a letter from the Board of Works intimating their intention of withdrawing the buoys.

The Harbour Master reported that it would be dangerous to remove five out of six of the buoys, and the Law Adviser stated that under the terms of the Treaty none of the buoys could be removed without consultation with the British Government.

Sir John Scott—If the Free State Government take them, we will ask the British to replace them. It is not the first time that we had to appeal to the British Government.

Mr. Egan, T.D.—We have the Treason Bill now, Sir John.

The general manager said that the Board had previously been asked by the Government to take over the buoys, but had refused.

It was agreed to direct the Government's attention to the Treaty point, and the hope was expressed that the matter would be amicably settled.

CROSS-CHANNEL FREIGHTS.

A REDUCTION NEXT MONTH.

We are officially informed that on and from the 1st March next the freights on cross-Channel goods, which were increased on the 1st September last to meet the increased cost of transit, will be reduced to the figures which obtained prior to 1st September. All the companies engaged in the cross-Channel traffic have agreed to this reduction.

A further concession has been made to passengers travelling by these lines from Irish ports. Since the war it has been a condition that the outward halves of passenger tickets were limited to three days—in other words, that the outward journey should be completed in three days. Now, in view of representations made by the commercial community, it has been agreed to revert to the pre-war condition that the outward journey may be completed in seven days, subject to the usual conditions.

The English airman, Mr. Hamilton, who arrived at St. Moritz from England in his own private aeroplane, has left by air for Nice.

£1,250,000 FOR THE NORTH.

CRITICISM IN THE COMMONS.

MR. CHURCHILL'S REPLY.

SIR J. CRAIG'S HOPES FOR THE FUTURE.

FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.

WESTMINSTER, Monday.

The House of Commons was a dull place this afternoon when the Speaker took the chair. The benches were half empty, while the galleries were completely so. Even the Strangers' Gallery showed rows of vacant seats. The list of questions was a short one, and supplementaries were so few that the list was finished a quarter of an hour earlier than usual.

There was quite a considerable storm in a teacup over the grant to Northern Ireland of a sum of £1,250,000 in respect of the Ulster Special Constabulary.

Mr. Snowden, the Labour ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech the length and tenor of which was wholly disproportionate to the occasion, did his best to make a mountain out of a molehill by characterising the vote as wholly illegal. He would have used an uglier word did Parliamentary usage permit, but he said quite enough to lead one to the conclusion that the British House of Commons was engaging in a transaction for which there was not the slightest justification.

Although he did not say so in actual words, the inference to be drawn from Mr. Snowden's speech was that the Ulster Government were blackmailing the British Exchequer. This word was, in fact, introduced later in the debate by one of the Labour back-benchers.

Ever since the passing of the Act conferring self-government upon Northern Ireland, said Mr. Snowden, the British Government had been met with constant demands for "illegal financial assistance from the British Exchequer." There was a total lack of information as to the actual purpose for which this million and a quarter was wanted, and they were without any guarantee whatever that the object of the grant was the maintenance of law and order.

Mr. Snowden was proceeding to elaborate his theme when Captain Dixon interrupted by asking whether the speaker was in order in casting aspersions upon a friendly Government. Sir William Dawson also rose to a point of order, his objection being that Mr. Snowden was charging a duly constituted Government with acting illegally.

Captain Fitzroy, who was in the chair, considered that it all depended upon the way in which the term was used. Mr. Runciman thought the point was not that the Government of Ireland was acting illegally, but that the British Treasury was acting illegally in granting the money.

UNEMPLOYED.

Mr. Snowden said that the point was that the Ulster Government were using the money not for the maintenance of law and order, but for the maintenance of unemployed.

This statement again brought up Captain Dixon, who said that it was wholly untrue and ought to be withdrawn.

Captain Fitzroy felt himself rather in a difficulty, and thought that it would be wise on his part to hear more of the discussion before coming to a decision.

Mr. Snowden did not seem much concerned with the interpretation placed upon his words. The facts, he declared, served to show that Great Britain was financing Ireland to the extent of one policeman for every six families in Northern Ireland. Did anyone seriously suggest that this was necessary for the maintenance of law and order? He concluded by moving the reduction of the vote by £100.

MR. CHURCHILL'S REPLY.

Mr. Churchill denied that there was anything illegal or unprecedented about this vote. He brushed aside the inferences drawn, that the money was applied for purposes other than the maintenance of law and order. He said that he had the utmost confidence in Sir James Craig, and was perfectly certain that the grant would be properly applied. The grant was not a matter of right, but a concession freely made by the Imperial Government for reasons of high State policy. Ulster had made great sacrifices, and it should be a point of honour for the British Government to sustain her during these early difficult years.

When pointing to the horrible conditions which prevailed in Belfast in 1922, a Labour member said that the right hon. gentleman's own speech was responsible for starting them.

Mr. Churchill did not see how a speech delivered in 1912 could still have effect in 1922, whereupon Mr. Kirkwood remarked that a spark could fire a powder magazine.

Quite true, continued the Chancellor, there are many elements in Northern Ireland which are in the nature of sparks in a powder magazine, and it is far better that there should be peace in that region as peace has been restored by Sir James Craig and his colleagues.

There was, however, continued Mr. Churchill, a pall of uncertainty hanging over the country, and it was far better that there should be no fear arising from weakness.

THE LIBERAL VIEW.

Mr. Runciman, from the Liberal benches, looked with disfavour on the grant, which, carried to its logical conclusion, he said, would justify any demand for succour and assistance from the Government of Northern Ireland.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking a little later on the debate, said that whilst it was not possible to foresee the future, Sir James Craig gave him every reason to hope that if a state of peace continued in Ireland during the present year, the reduction of the Constabulary force would be rapid and far-reaching.

Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed from the Opposition benches that the Ulster members had refrained from taking part in the debate, but Captain Craig and his colleagues, evidently of opinion that their case had been adequately presented by the Government, sat tight.

The motion for the reduction of the vote was defeated by 271 to 115, and the House then proceeded to other business.

[A full report of the debate appears on page 5.]

LATE NEWS.

STATE SHIPPING.

AUSTRALIA'S FAILURE.

Our Melbourne Correspondent sends a message of great significance on the collapse of the Australian Government's experiment in the ownership of merchant shipping, remarks *The Times* editorially. In the same connection attention may be drawn to the fact that Mr. W. T. R. Preston's report to the Canadian Government on the "North Atlantic Steamship Combine" has a material, if indirect, bearing on the same question of State as opposed to private enterprise. The news of the crisis in Australia, though its arrival has probably been hastened by the labour troubles in Dominion shipping circles, has long been expected. Now that it has come, it is definite and final.

The Commonwealth Shipping Line, says our Correspondent, has proved a costly failure, and the Government are taking immediate steps to dispose of the fleet of thirty-two ships. The decision to which they have been driven is strong proof, if, indeed, any proof were required, that a Government cannot work on the same lines as shipping companies. Once again experience has shown that for various reasons—prominent among which is the fact that the State as a trading concern is peculiarly exposed to the demands not only of Labour but of all who aim at making unreasonable profits—Government shipping services are, as a rule, a luxury or an extravagance which no country can afford.

THE LABOUR PARTY.

QUESTION OF DISCIPLINE.

The Times Parliamentary Correspondent writes:—A meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party is to be held at the House of Commons to-day, and it is obvious that, in the interests of the party, and in view of speeches delivered during the week-end by Labour leaders, the subject of party discipline will have to be vigorously discussed. The recent discussion in the House of Commons on the supplementary estimate for the Prince of Wales's visit to Africa and South America has resulted in a bitter difference of opinion. On that occasion Mr. David Kirkwood moved an amendment to reduce the vote by £100, and he was supported in the division lobby by Mr. Wheatley, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Colonel Wedgwood and a large number of other Labour members. On the other hand, a number of ex-Ministers, headed by Mr. Macdonald, and including Mr. Clynes, Mr. Snowden, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Sidney Webb, and Sir Henry Slesser, supported the Government.

The subject has since become a matter of fierce controversy in the Labour Party. Mr. Kirkwood's reply to this complaint is a surprising one. In a speech in South Wales on Sunday he declared that he was selected by the Executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party to raise the question in the House, and that Mr. Macdonald was in the chair. When questioned on this statement yesterday, Mr. Macdonald described it as absolutely untrue. He denied that the question had ever been discussed by the Executive; that any decision had been taken, or that Mr. Kirkwood had been asked to raise the subject in the House.

THE PRESS IN ITALY.

A SPIRITED PROTEST.

In a message from Rome last night, *The Times* Correspondent states:—The following Order of the Day was passed at the general meeting of the Foreign Press Association in Rome, and has been communicated to all Italian and foreign newspapers, and to the Italian authorities to-day:—

The Foreign Press Association having examined the situation created for foreign correspondents in Italy as a consequence of the criticisms, not to say threats, directed against them by certain organs of the Italian Press and by certain associations, and remaining strictly on professional grounds and outside any consideration in party politics, is:

(1) Of the opinion that the members of the Association have shown no less discretion and tact towards Italy than has been shown by Italian correspondents in all the capitals of the world; and, further, that the foreign Press as a whole, in reporting and judging Italian events has clearly availed itself of the same liberty as the Italian Press has taken full advantage of in dealing with foreign events.

(2) Is of the opinion that attacks of a violent nature systematically directed against the persons of foreign correspondents, which find no counterpart in the newspapers of other countries, as have recently occurred, are inadmissible, and the Association regrets that a section of Italian journalism is anxious to injure the bonds of comradeship which should unite all professional journalists.

(3) Deems it prudent to insist on the right of foreign correspondents to gather information from all sources, without being in consequence accused of taking part in the strife of party politics, of which its members are, and intend to remain, strictly observers.

(4) Energetically refutes the Press campaign collectively directed against foreign correspondents—a campaign which casts grave doubts on the professional honesty of the whole class of organised correspondents, and is prejudicial to their recognised rights in all countries—declares that should this state of affairs continue it will be necessary for the Association of the Foreign Press in Rome to consult with all other similar Associations with a view to taking a united action, and decides to send a copy of the present Order of the Day to the Italian foreign correspondents and to the Italian authorities.

NO NEW REQUEST BY GERMANY.

PROBLEM OF DISARMAMENT AND SECURITY.

BERLIN, Monday.

Telegrams from London and Paris were published in the Berlin Press this morning to the effect that the German Government had informed the Allies of its desire to take part in a conference on disarmament and security, but that the French Government had declined to allow Germany to be heard in connection with the report of the Inter-Allied Military Mission of Control.

I am informed that no official step in this sense has been taken by the German Government and that the last communication on the subject was that contained in the German Note of January 7th, which stated that the points of difference could only be cleared up by means of mutual understandings, and added that in any future negotiations on disarmament and evacuation the Allies must be guided by the common interests of Europe in the continuation of this policy if the conflict created by them was to be settled speedily.

This is, however, now being construed in certain quarters here to represent a request for a settlement by conference. There is, however, good reason for believing that the Luther Cabinet would be quite willing to take part in any negotiations, having as their object a large general settlement.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

THE WEMBLEY DEFICIT.

It is said that no exhibition in the history of exhibitions has ever succeeded in making a profit. Therefore, observes the *Daily Express*, the Wembley deficit of £1,950,000 revealed in the White Paper issued yesterday is not altogether without precedent. The British Government propose to pass the British Empire Exhibition Bill which increases the Government guarantee by another half million pounds, making a total guarantee of £1,000,000. Even this is not final, for if there should be a further deficit this year the Government will undoubtedly be called upon to increase their contribution. The taxpayer, however, will expect the organisers to profit by last year's experience. We are told that the financial administration will be strengthened, and that the Board of Trade must be satisfied before Parliament is asked to authorise the new guarantee.

At a meeting of lay assistant teachers employed in convent schools, which was held on the 19th inst. at 36 Parnell square, Dublin, a resolution was passed protesting against the delay in bringing them within the benefits of the National Teachers' Pension scheme.

BIG LOSSES AT WEMBLEY.

JUST SHORT OF TWO MILLIONS.

PARLIAMENT ASKED FOR £1,000,000.

DEFICIT MAY BE WIPED OUT THIS YEAR.

A deficit of £1,950,000 on the British Empire Exhibition last year was disclosed yesterday in official figures, published as a White Paper. More than half of this loss was privately guaranteed. Parliament is to be asked to guarantee an amount which, with the sum already sanctioned, will be £1,100,000.

Originally the Government guarantee sanctioned £100,000 in respect of any loss which might arise from the holding of the Exhibition. The carrying out of the Wembley enterprise on a scale much larger than had been contemplated led, states the White Paper, to greatly increased capital expenditure.

In consequence it was decided to introduce a bill increasing the £100,000 guarantee to £500,000. The financial resolution on which the bill rested was agreed to on May 14th, 1924, but Parliament was dissolved before the measure had been read a second time.

In the British Empire Exhibition Bill which it is proposed to introduce the amount guaranteed by the Exchequer will be increased to £1,000,000. The object of this further increase of £500,000 is to provide the Exhibition authorities with finance to meet the expenses of re-opening this year. In a memorandum of the proposed guarantee issued to-day it is stated that the Exhibition authorities have given the following figures relating to the financial results of last year's Exhibition:—

EXPENDITURE.	
Cost of site construction, etc.	£2,950,000
Maintenance — Publicity, Upkeep of Roads, Buildings and Grounds, Music, Salaries and Wages, Police, Bank Charges, Demobilisation, etc.	950,000
Total Expenditure	£3,900,000
REVENUE.	
Receipts from Admissions, Rent of Space, Concessions, etc.	£2,100,000
Amount Advanced by Lloyds Bank	1,800,000

In addition to this liability, the Exhibition authorities are liable for £150,000 in respect of entertainments duty on admissions to the Exhibition, which brings the total deficit to £50,000 short of two million pounds.

Against this liability is the following:—

The Exhibition Guarantee Fund	£1,107,991
The Government Guarantee	100,000

If all of the guarantors were called upon to pay, therefore, there would be a deficit of practically three-quarters of a million pounds on the venture. The Government is asked to guarantee now a million pounds additional to the £100,000 already sanctioned.

HOPES FOR A PROFIT.

This proposal, of course, is not new, for the Government agreed to it some time ago subject to the provisos that there should be sufficient Empire support to a 1925 project; that the guarantors other than the Government should continue their guarantees, and that the financial administration should be strengthened. The Exhibition authorities may fairly contend that these stipulations have been met in every respect.

The Board of Trade has to be satisfied on this point, however, before Parliament is asked to empower them to grant the additional million pounds guarantee.

It is only right to point out that the Exhibition authorities believe the holding of the Exhibition for a second season will result in a clearance of the deficit if the support they confidently anticipate is forthcoming.

OPENING DATE.

In the House of Commons yesterday it was stated that it was proposed to open the Exhibition in the first week of May, and to keep it open until the end of October.

ATLANTIC MAILS BY AIRSHIP.

EX-ZEPPELIN TO GO TO ENGLAND THIS SUMMER.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LAKEHURST (NEW JERSEY), Monday.

It is announced to-day by the Commander of the United States Navy dirigible, Los Angeles, which has just completed a successful trip to Bermuda and back, accomplishing the journey in twenty-four hours, that the air liner will in all probability fly the Atlantic to England during the summer.

An experiment will be made carrying the American mails to Europe on the trip. The Los Angeles was formerly the ZR 3, and was built at Friedrichshafen, from whence she flew to America last year.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S ILLNESS.

When he visited Mr. Lloyd George last night, the doctor found a marked improvement in the patient's condition. His temperature is settling, but there is no indication at present as to when he will be able to travel. Mrs. Lloyd George arrived at Birmingham yesterday.

The Red Army is now stated to number 510,000 men (says a Moscow message).

The raising of the hospital ship Narodovoletz, which sank several years ago in the Neva, was completed yesterday (says a Moscow message).

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PROPERTY.

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DUBLIN CHAMBER'S PROPOSALS.

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the fund, in view of the abnormal increase of unemployment, consequent upon abnormal depression and dislocation of trade. A widespread feeling, however, exists that there is much abuse of the Unemployment Insurance Acts, and considerable demoralisation amongst unemployed persons, due to the fact that the incentive to work is diminished by the opportunity to obtain a subsidy without working.

We suggest that an inquiry be made into the whole question of unemployment insurance, with a view to the prevention of abuses.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM.

So far as the suggestions made in this report recommend a change in policy, they might be construed as reflecting upon the Government's procedure in preparing previous budgets. That is not our intention.

We recognise that the more pressing problems of restoring order and stability—the first essentials for the existence of trade—have fully occupied the time of the Ministers, and that they have not had an earlier opportunity of dealing with the matters to which we now draw attention. The difficult nature of the task they have performed, under most trying circumstances, is fully appreciated by the business community, and its success has earned for the Government the warmest support of all those engaged in trade in the Free State.

No department was faced with greater difficulties in carrying out its new duties than the Ministry of Finance. We consider that a time has now arrived when the financial position can be effectively reviewed, and our proposals are intended as a constructive effort in that direction.

THE SCHEDULES.

Accompanying the report are several schedules, which are summarised as follows:—

Estimated "Ordinary" Receipts for 1924/25	£23,985,300
Deduct:—	
Estimated "Ordinary" Expenditure for 1924/25	22,675,951
Excess of "Ordinary" Receipts over "Ordinary" Expenditure	£1,309,349
Estimated "Special" Expenditure for 1924/25	£14,170,322
Deduct:—	
Estimated "Special" Receipts for 1924/25	4,202,000
Excess of "Special" Expenditure over "Special" Receipts	£9,968,322

SUMMARY.

Excess of "Special" Expenditure over "Special" Receipts	£9,968,322
Deduct:—	
Excess of "Ordinary" Receipts over "Ordinary" Expenditure	1,309,349
Deficiency disclosed by the published Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for 1924/25	£8,658,973

The "Ordinary" Receipts represent the receipts from ordinary sources, viz.:—Customs, Excise, Estate Duties, Stamp Duties, Income Tax, Super Tax, Corporation Profits Tax, and the Postal Services.

"Special" Receipts are:—Motor Vehicle Duties; the proceeds of the special rate under the Damage to Property (Compensation) Act, 1923; the instalment of the British contribution towards compensation, and the entire miscellaneous receipts.

"Ordinary" Expenditure is taken as representing the expenditure on the services which it has been so far decided to maintain, including:

(a) £2,000,000 for the Army, and

(b) The pensions which have become payable as a result of the Treaty.

It also includes some small non-recurrent items which have been left in to off-set to some extent special items for which provision may have to be made in 1925-26 and subsequent years.

The following were treated as "Special" Expenditure:—Payments to Road Fund, Repayment of Free State Bills, Repayment of Savings Certificates, Local Loans (Vote 8), £233,000 of Vote 11, Property Losses and Personal Injuries Compensation (Votes 14 and 15), the excess of the Army Vote (No. 55) over £2,000,000, and capital issues under the Telegraph and Unemployment Insurance Acts.

The Committee adds:—We wish it to be clearly understood that the word "ordinary" is not to be construed as "normal," it is merely used to denote the classes of receipts and expenditure with which, in the absence of special conditions, the Finance Minister would have to deal in his Budget statements, and with which, again in the absence of special conditions, he would accordingly be concerned in considering the adjustment of taxation. On the basis indicated the schedule shows that the excess of estimated special expenditure over estimated special receipts is £9,968,322, while the excess of estimated ordinary receipts over estimated ordinary expenditure is £1,309,349, leaving the net deficiency of £8,658,973, disclosed by the published estimates of receipts and expenditure for 1924-25.

WHY I AM A UNIONIST.

EARL BALFOUR AND CLASS WARFARE.

Why he is not only a Unionist, but a Conservative Unionist, was explained by Earl Balfour in a speech, which he delivered in East London last night in connection with the London County Council elections.

He was a Conservative, he said, because he was absolutely certain that no community in this world had ever flourished or could ever flourish if it were faithless to its own past. He liked to add the name Unionist because the merits of union were too little remembered and too little valued in these times. The unity of the British Empire, if it could be built up with the strength and solidity which all hoped, was an entirely new experiment in the history of the world.

There was no more abominable creed than that of class warfare. No prosperity, no success, no increase, no diminution in social evils by which they were surrounded, could ever be expected or would ever flow from a creed based upon hatred. Co-operation must be the basis of every species of success. It was only by co-operation, friendliness, mutual service by all classes working together for one great object, that the future of the country and of their children and grandchildren ultimately depended.

He should look in despair on the future of his country if he thought that the pernicious doctrines now being preached in face of the unvarying experience extending to every country, were going to be tried by the reckless professors of novelty who addressed them

RUNAWAY MOTOR CAR.

CHARGE AGAINST DRIVER IN TOTTENHAM CASE.

The Dalston owner-driver, Norman Henry Walter Seaman, who last Saturday was committed on the Coroner's warrant, charged with the manslaughter of William Robert Moon, a Tottenham plasterer, made a formal appearance before the magistrates at Enfield yesterday on this charge, and was remanded until next Thursday at Tottenham. It is alleged that Seaman knocked down five pedestrians with a motor car, which did not stop, Moon being so seriously injured that he died a few minutes after admission to hospital.

Mr. Edmond O'Connor represented Seaman, and put in a plea of not guilty. Superintendent Neal, of New Scotland Yard, and Divisional Detective Inspector Page, were in charge of the prosecution. Inspector Page said that on Saturday he was present at the inquest when a verdict of manslaughter was brought in against Seaman by the Coroner's jury. Later he saw the man at Tottenham Police Station, and told him that he would be charged with killing Moon at Ferry Hill, Tottenham, on February 14. He made no reply. While he was being searched he said, "I don't remember bumping into anybody that night." Bail was allowed.

A deputation representing the Convention of the Royal Burghs of Scotland, yesterday urged upon the Prime Minister the desirability of raising the status of the office of Secretary for Scotland.

BUSINESS FIRMS

Requiring Women Typists or Clerks should call up 51354 (Rosse College, Stephen's Green). 185 Certificates in Shorthand, Typewriting, etc., gained by pupils during 1924.—(Advt.)

STATE SHIPPING A FAILURE.

AUSTRALIA'S LOSS OF £11,000,000.

INDUSTRIAL AWARDS BLAMED.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Commonwealth Government Shipping Line proved a costly failure, and the Government is taking immediate steps to dispose of the fleet of thirty-two ships.

The losses on working since 1921 and the sum written off amount to £11,001,651; in 1921 and 1922 the loss was £1,171,569, and in 1922-23 £1,626,150. In June, 1923, the capital value of the fleet was written down from £12,766,588 to £4,718,500, a depreciation of £8,048,438.

The Shipping Board states that the Line cannot be run without serious loss while the ships remain on the Australian register and subject to Australian industrial awards. The Government will immediately invite tenders for the purchase of the Line on condition that the purchaser maintains a regular service between Australia, Great Britain and the Continent of Europe, that there is no increase in fares or freights, and that no arrangement is made with any shipping combine. If a satisfactory tender is obtained the Government will recommend Parliament to accept it.—*The Times* Correspondent.

THE BOAT RACE.

OXFORD PREPARING A SURPRISE.

The *Evening Standard* states that the Oxford crew are preparing a surprise for the forthcoming University boat race. Mr. Phelps, the boat-builder, of Putney, has been commissioned to construct a somewhat novel racing craft for the event. The normal boat used for years in these contests has been over 63 feet long.

Dr. Bourne has designed a craft which will be nearly four feet shorter, on the streamline principle, and this is now well on the way to completion. It is maintained by some Oxford enthusiasts that the cutting down of the length by one-fifteenth and the other novel features included in this craft will give the Oxford crew a great initial advantage.

PRE-HISTORIC ANIMALS.

SKELETONS FOUND IN BOLIVIA

NEW YORK, Monday.

The Director of the Field Museum in Chicago yesterday received a letter from Professor Elm— S. Riggs, leader of the Museum's expedition to Patagonia and Bolivia, announcing the latest news of his expedition.

In the Tarija Valley, near Tupica, Bolivia, Professor Riggs found a great number of fossilised skeletons of pre-historic animals of huge size, skeletons not only of the South American glyptodons and great ground sloths, but also the North American mastodons, lamas as big as camels, sabre-tooth tigers, mammoth bears and wolves, and species of the Northern horse family.

Professor Riggs, in his letter, advanced the theory that Patagonia was once a Continent in itself, which was later joined by a natural bridge to the main Continent. The animal life which developed there then was brought into contact with animal life from the North, and in Bolivia waged a war of mutual extermination.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

UNIVERSAL PEACE.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE ON THE ADVANCE OF AN IDEAL.

WASHINGTON, Monday.

President Coolidge, receiving the delegates of the Women's Conference on National Defence, declared that, proportionately as the nations made progress in creating effective tribunals for the settlement of international differences, they would find themselves able to lessen military establishments.

The President made no direct reference to another arms conference, but he did say, "A country so powerful in numbers and wealth, so fortunate in its location, as ours, can, and should, set an example of moderation in armaments and invite others to pursue a similar programme." He added that whenever a nation convinces its neighbours of such a purpose of moderation without aggression, it would be easier for other nations to adopt a similar attitude.

The ideal of universal and assured peace, while it had not stopped wars, was more definitely and widely entertained than ever before. That was a great advance. "We have not reached the end, and probably shall not for several generations, but it can hardly be doubted that the purpose and aspirations of mankind are definitely, intelligently, and insistently enlisted in an effort to make war an impossibility in this world. Meanwhile such a measure of preparedness is necessary, and shall be a guarantee against aggression without committing the nation to militarism."

Mr. Coolidge did not think that the abolition of the Army and Navy would be correct examples to set to other nations, but military and naval establishments might be so limited as to assure that there was no intent of aggression.—(Reuter.)

COMMONS QUESTION.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. A. Chamberlain said that the subject of an Armaments Conference was unofficially mentioned in a conversation that he had with the late American Ambassador to this country. No communications had passed between the two countries at the moment, and it was undesirable that he should make any further statement at present.

FLYING IN THE EAST.

AEROPLANES FOR PERSIAN WOMEN.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

TEHERAN, Monday.

The increasing popularity of aeroplane travelling in Persia is leading to official consideration of proposals for establishing permanent air services throughout the country.

The German Junker Aeroplane Manufacturing Company have already supplied a large number of machines to wealthy Persian women, who have taken up flying as a hobby. Commercial interests are also making considerably more use of the aeroplane for business purposes.

At the moment negotiations are progressing with the Persian Premier for the establishment by the German concern of an air mail service to Russia.

When this is established, it is declared, the journey between London and Teheran will be shortened by at least two weeks.

EGYPTIAN VILLAGE DESTROYED.

30 PERSONS DEAD AND 38 INJURED BY A FIRE.

CAIRO, Monday.

The village of Pahmania, near Damanhour, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire. Thirty persons are dead and thirty-eight seriously injured. Five hundred huts have been burned down.—(Reuter.)

SIRDAR MURDER INQUIRY.

CAIRO, Monday.

Nokrashi Bey, Under Secretary of the Interior in the Zaghlul Government, who was detained in connection with the inquiry into the murder of the Sirdar, was released to-day. He immediately called upon Zaghlul Pasha.

IRELAND'S NATURE RESERVES.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUGGESTED.

"Nature Reserves and National Parks" was the subject of a discussion at the Royal Irish Academy House, Dawson street, Dublin, yesterday.

Dr. Lloyd Praeger asked how far did plants in Ireland need protection, and in what manner could that protection be achieved. He held that protection was needed in certain parts of the country, particularly in Donegal, Connemara, and along the East coast, where they wanted some authority that would forbid the building of roads, houses or drains.

Mr. C. B. Moffat said, in reply, that bodies like the Royal Irish Academy should be consulted in carrying out such a scheme as that suggested, because some animals, plants and birds would benefit more from protection than others.

Mr. A. Forbes, Forestry Division, Department of Agriculture, stated that the Department now had twenty centres, and was increasing the number at the rate of two or three per annum. These centres were more or less in the nature of reserves. They did not exterminate any animal except the rabbit, but the hawk also must be kept in check. He suggested that the Department should be approached on the question of nature reserves.

Dr. Henry said that a body of trustees should be formed to act upon the advice of an Advisory Council in the establishment of nature reserves. The trustees might include two members of the Academy, two members of the Royal Dublin Society, two members of the Universities, representatives of the Land Commission and other bodies. He proposed that the whole matter should be considered by the Council of the Academy.

Mr. Bodkin thought that the proclamation of reserves would induce people to go there and denude them of whatever plants they possessed.

Dr. Henry's proposal was adopted, and the Chairman (Sir Frederick Moore) intimated that the Council would report as to what action was possible.

Dr. R. F. Scharff, who opened the discussion on the topic, said that it was assumed that the movement arose in America about fifty years ago, when the magnificent Yellowstone district was proclaimed a national park by Congress. Long before that time, however, certain tracts of land were set apart in Europe as pleasure grounds for the benefit of the people. As regards nature reserves, which were often wild tracts of country unsuited for agricultural purposes, where rare animals and plants were protected from extinction, they had been known to us for hundreds of years.

As an example, he mentioned the large enclosure of Chillingham Park, in Northumberland, established in the 13th century to protect from extinction the famous herd of wild white cattle. Another, and much larger natural reserve, was the Bielowitza forest in Lithuania. A nature reserve for the bison of several thousand acres existed in Eastern Europe at a time when the American bison or so-called buffalo was still being persecuted and slaughtered in the United States.

During the past century the German Government adopted a scheme for establishing nature reserves. Switzerland followed suit in forming a great national park in the Engadine for the preservation of some of the rarer kinds of animals and plants, and the Government contributed 30,000 francs a year for its adequate protection and maintenance.

In England the matter was dealt with by two distinct bodies or corporations—the National Trust and the Society for the Promotion of Nature Reserves. The National Trust had been in existence for about thirty years, and had received special powers under its own Act of Parliament. More than a hundred properties in various parts of the country had been acquired. Only two years ago an island on the Norfolk coast was added. It was mainly composed of sand dunes, some 1,200 acres in extent, and had long been regarded by lovers of birds and flowers as a place suitable for careful protection. Holland had been one of the more recent adherents to the policy of forming national nature reserves.

Dr. Scharff added that loss due to insect depredations on the agricultural crops in Canada alone had been estimated at not less than 125 million dollars annually. As birds were among the natural enemies of insects, the protection of insectivorous birds was essential in the interests of national economy.

FISHERMAN DROWNED.

BLOWN INTO THE SEA.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

BALBRIGGAN, Monday.

This morning a young fisherman named Alexander McKinnon was reported missing. His body was found on the seashore four hundred yards north of the harbour in the evening.

During the gale last night he went to the harbour to secure his boat at the inner pier, and appears to have been blown into the water and carried out to sea and drowned.

He saw much service with the British Navy during the war.

THE SETTLEMENT OF STRIKES.

CANDIDATE'S PROMISE AT ELECTION MEETING.

Two small meetings were held at Bolton street and Finglas road, Dublin, last night in support of the candidature of Mr. D. O'Connor, who addressed both gatherings.

He appealed to the working classes to cast their votes in favour of the Government nominees in order that the Government's schemes, such as the electrification of the Shannon water-power, might be pushed forward without delay. He promised that he would urge upon the Government, if elected, the setting up of machinery which would put an end to strikes, and provide some more commonsense method of composing differences between employers and employes.

Mrs. Collins O'Driscoll was the other speaker.

SNOW-MELTING MACHINE.

HOW VIENNA CLEARED THE STREETS.

VIENNA, Monday.

Vienna was visited yesterday morning by its second snowfall this winter. The fall was for forty-eight hours of so heavy a nature that the authorities decided that exceptional means were necessary to clear the streets carrying the most traffic.

Accordingly, the city for the first time brought into action its recently completed wheeled machine designed for the melting of large snow masses in the streets. The test of the new equipment proved wonderfully successful.

The snow was everywhere heaped into large piles by means of motor ploughs, and was then shovelled into portable metal basins of huge dimensions. Against the sides of the latter jets of steam played, with the result that the contents were melted at the rate of 1,350 cubic feet per hour.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

FIRE IN A STABLE.

TWO HORSES DESTROYED.

Two horses and a donkey were burned to death last night in stabling at the rear of Brighton terrace, Sandycove. The origin of the fire is unknown. Before it was discovered the roofing had collapsed. A small quantity of hay and oats was also destroyed. The property belonged to Thomas Kelly, 16 Glasthule Buildings, and the damage done is estimated at over £50.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday, said that no step was being taken for the appointment of a British Ambassador at Moscow.

Thousands of ladies keep a box of Martin's pills in the house. Those who use them recommend them, hence their enormous sale. Price 5s. Sold by all Chemists and Stores; or post free from Proprietors, Martin, Chemists, Southampton.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

Ancient Order of Hibernians.—Mr. John P. Gaynor, President of the Dublin County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, was entertained by members of the Order last Saturday night, and received presentations and an address on the occasion of his appointment to a position in Belfast.

Bibliographical Society.—Papers on the bibliography of Denis Florence McCarthy, and of T. D., A. M., D. B. and R. Sullivan, by Mr. James Coleman, and notes on *Hibernia Dominicana*, by Mr. E. R. McC. Dix, were read last night at a meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Ireland.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS.—F. Gann, T. Bundy, Miss Gaisford, T. Kirwin, H. V. O'Neill, G. Thomas, R. Lewis, Mrs. Lewis, T. Hastings, R. Mills, Miss Mills, D. H. Rea, T. Watson, L. Maguire, M. McAllister, E. O'Neill, Mrs. Gay, Capt. Hall, G. Flynn, I. Oliver.

DEPARTURES.—Mr. and Mrs. Cairns, J. Cairns, D. Barry, T. Beckett, S. Parker, T. Terry, R. Burke, G. Verner, R. Marks, H. W. Hagestadt, J. R. Read, P. J. Keller, T. O'Keefe, G. Lutgens, T. Skelly, Miss Robb, Mrs. Rush, Mrs. Ahern, H. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Adair, Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, G. Coulter, T. Hanrahan, J. Duffy, Dr. Cooke, Miss McSherry, Nurse Lee, Mrs. Longbottom, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, R. R. Beamish, Rev. N. L. Bulman.

CONNAUGHT.

Irregulars' Mixed Bag.—The Judge at Mayo Circuit Court yesterday reported for £45 in a compensation claim for £30 6s. made by the St. Columba's Co-operative Society, of Achill Island, for goods stolen by irregulars between May 30, 1922, and the following January. The goods included bacon, tobacco, butter, soap, boot polish, and writing materials. M. Laing, jeweller, Westport, was awarded £50 for goods, which included a wristlet watch. The Representative Church Body was awarded £6 for damage to the windows of Slingan Church in August last.

Flooded Countryside.—At a recent meeting in Belclare, Co. Galway, resolutions were passed calling on the Government to drain 3,000 acres in the district. It was stated that the area was under water for eight months in the year. Some houses had been abandoned for the last five months, children could not go to school, and doctors and clergymen could not visit the sick. Belclare (Claretuam) parish, three miles from Tuam, covers an area of 7,850 acres and has a population of 1,000.

Alleged Anti-Police Demonstration.—John King and Michael McHugh, Caherlistrane, who refused to recognise the Court, were remanded at Headford, Co. Galway, in custody on a charge of leading a party of twenty men, armed with sticks, to threaten the Civic Guards at Castlehacket fair.

Neglected Children: £10 Fine.—Michael Comer, Conagh, Caherlistrane, was fined £10 at Headford last Saturday for cruelty to his children. An inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children said that Comer's house was in a terrible condition. His daughter had not had a change of clothing for three months.

Septuagenarian's Poteen.—Mary Hynes, Mentross, Headford, aged 75 years, was fined £200, mitigated to £12, at a local court last Saturday, for "harbouring and concealing" a bottle of poteen. Her defence was that the bottle contained turpentine.

LEINSTER.

Louth Rates.—Louth County Council's rates for the year ending March, 1926, adopted at a meeting yesterday, show an increase of 3d. and 7d., respectively, in the Ardee and Drogheda districts, and a reduction of 3d. in the Dundalk area. There is an increase of 10d. all round on land, to cover the first of seven yearly repayments of the money borrowed last year for the relief of the rates. Criticism was directed at the increase of £1,084 in the demand of the Richmond Asylum this year, and the chairman said that he believed that there was extravagant administration in Richmond. The Council had hopes of considerable relief when the Lunacy Commission reported this year. The cost of an inmate in the three institutions in Louth amounted to £39, as against £52 in Richmond, and, while they did not expect that an inmate could be kept as cheaply in an asylum as in a local hospital, the difference was too great, and, to his mind, pointed at extravagance. A member said that while he hoped that they would have a separate asylum, he also hoped that the patients would be as well treated as they were in Richmond, which was second to none in the three kingdoms for medical attendance and general care of patients.

Importance of Fire Screens.—A verdict of death from burns was returned at an inquest in Dundalk yesterday into the death of Annie McCartney, aged 15, Bayview terrace, whose pinafore caught fire while she was reaching up to the mantelpiece in her parents' home. The mother said that the fire screen had not been put in place, as when she went out the fire was "black." The Coroner said that people could not be too careful in the use of fire screens.

Co. Meath's Budget.—Meath County Council at its quarterly meeting in Navan yesterday adopted the budget for the year ending March 31, 1926. The total required to be raised by rates is £141,504 2s. The amount required for general purposes is £2,737 less than that for the current year. Mullingar Asylum demand is £21,624 11s. 5d., which is an increase of £269 8s. 7d. The total estimated expenditure on the roads is increased by £1,619.

Organising the Farmers.—Major John Loftus, speaking at a meeting of the newly-formed branch of the Farmers' Union at Goresbridge, County Kilkenny, last Sunday, said that if the country was to prosper agriculture must be developed properly, and that could be done only if all farmers assisted in the work. Local expenditure was the farmers' heaviest burden; therefore, it was necessary that they should be strongly organised and seek strong representation on the county councils.

Cruelty to a Donkey.—John Cummins, Ballinastraw, was fined £5 at Bunclody, County Wexford, last Saturday on a summons issued at the suit of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for cruelty to a donkey by leaving it tied in a field all night.

MUNSTER.

Work for Queenstown Yard.—The Furness-Withy steamer, Jessmore, 3,911 tons, arrived at Queenstown yesterday under its own steam for repairs to defective machinery. The Jessmore, bound from Leith and Belfast, with general cargo for New York, was previously reported eight hundred miles out in the Atlantic, when a mishap to the shafting occurred. Repairs will be carried out at Rushbrooke Dock.

ULSTER.

Raid on Donegal Dance.—While a dance was in progress last Friday night in Meenatole National School, half-way between Letterkenny and Ramelton, two men wearing masks, and one of whom carried a revolver, appeared at the door and demanded the money that had been collected. One of the dance officials refused to hand over the proceeds, and with the assistance of other men, pulled the masks off the raiders. The two men then fled without taking anything.

"Chronic Laziness."—The Ministry of Local Government has requested the Cavan Board of Health to dismiss the County Home porter. An inspector of the Department states, in his report: "I consider the gate porter at County Home and Hospital unfit for the position, because I believe the man is suffering from chronic laziness, and lives in filthy apartments, which he neglected to clean after I had drawn his attention to the matter. He never does anything but write up his book." The County Board has dismissed the porter.

At Bunclody, Co. Wexford, last Saturday, Myles Donohoe, Clohamon, was fined £4 for being in unlawful possession of a salmon on January 5, during the close season.

A verdict of death from pneumonia was returned yesterday at an inquest in Dublin into the death of Patrick Quinn, a traveller, of 5 Prospect square, Glasnevin, who died suddenly last Sunday morning.

The death took place yesterday of Mr. Arthur W. Sutton, draper, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, who carried on the business of Messrs. John Sutton and Sons, which was established sixty years ago by his father.

Mathew MacHale, aged 39, Rahins, Castlebar, was cutting down a tree last Friday when it fell on him, and sustained injuries, from which he died last Saturday.

The death took place suddenly last Sunday of Mr. Patrick Flanagan, Lessoy, Ballymahon, Co. Longford, at the age of 80 years. He was teacher at Ardnagragh National School for fifty years.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

Keepers for the Aged.—At an inquest in Londonderry yesterday into the death of Miss Jane Downey, aged 75, of Mountjoy street, who died in the City Infirmary last Saturday from injuries received through being knocked down by a motor car driven by Dr. O'Doherty, in Bishop street, last Friday week, a solicitor, who appeared for the doctor, said that deceased broke a by-law forbidding old people to be out of doors unless accompanied by a guide. The Coroner said that he wondered what Dr. O'Doherty would think if such a by-law was passed when in a few years he would come within its purview. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and subsequently the doctor was arrested and formally exonerated Dr. O'Doherty from blame. Subcharged with causing the death of Miss Downey. He was remanded for a week on bail.

Coleraine Education Authority.—At a meeting of the Coleraine Urban Council yesterday, it was decided to transfer to the Coleraine Regional Committee, under the Education Act, the Council's powers and duties in connection with the technical instruction on condition that a scheme of efficient technical instruction should be maintained in the town, and that in the event of the school ceasing to be used for technical instruction, it shall revert to the Coleraine Urban Council.

Tribute to the Fallen.—At noon to-morrow a deputation from the Durham Light Infantry, stationed at Ballykinlar, will place a wreath under the tablet in the hall of the Belfast Courthouse in memory of Lieutenant I. G. Edgar, who was with the battalion in the war, and died in France on February 25, 1915. Mr. Edgar was a member of the old North-East Bar. Some of the judges will attend the ceremony.

Worst Road in Country.—"The worst piece of road in the country," said the magistrate at Dungannon Petty Sessions yesterday, when James Grimes, Mullyconnor, was fined 2s. 6d. for having no tail light on his motor car. The defendant said that the rough road between Portadown and Dungannon "put the light out."

An Official "Bull."—Londonderry Guardians have received a letter from the Northern Ministry for Local Government regarding the submission of copies of minutes of the meetings, in which it is stated—"When there is nothing to record, as e.g., when there had been no meeting, it will be sufficient to provide a single copy of the minute sheet." The Clerk said that it would be difficult to send a minute if there was no meeting and nothing to record.

Slight damage was done by fire to the vestry of Antrim Parish Church last Sunday. The outbreak was caused by a defect in the heating apparatus.

Barbara Cassidy, who was fined 10s. and 4s. costs at Enniskillen Petty Sessions yesterday for riding a bicycle after dark without a light, said to the policeman who asked her why she had no lamp, "I never had one, and never will."

Mr. W. Macartney, J.P., "Dunavon," Oldpark, Belfast, was sworn in as High Sheriff of Belfast yesterday.

Mr. Robert Watson, J.P., 24 Bond's Hill, Waterside, Derry, was sworn in as High Sheriff of the City of Londonderry.

Derry Electric Wiring Contract.—Yesterday Londonderry Corporation decided finally to accept three tenders for wiring houses for electric light. At a previous meeting it was alleged that the Corporation was being dominated by a "ring" which aimed at increasing the price from 25s. to 27s. 6d. per light, the amount quoted in the accepted tenders.

Carried Child Head Downwards.—In the Belfast Custody Court yesterday, Edward Gourley, of Reilly's Court, was fined 40s. and costs, or a month's imprisonment, for being drunk while in charge of a child under seven years of age. A constable said that the man had the child in his arms with its head hanging down.

BIRMINGHAM MAN HUNT.

FUGITIVE WITH A REVOLVER.

An exciting man-hunt was in full cry in the wooded country between Birmingham and Warwick. It started in sensational circumstances on Saturday afternoon at Knowle, a village 10 miles south-east of Birmingham.

Mr. Hartwell, a draper, of Knowle, challenged a man with the accusation that he had swindled him with a worthless cheque. In the dispute, Mr. Hartwell laid hands on the man—a spruce, active young fellow—who immediately produced a revolver.

Breaking free he leaped on Mr. Hartwell's bicycle, which was standing outside the shop, and rode for the open country. There was a hue and cry, in which a butcher's van joined. Nearing a railway crossing the motor van charged into the fugitive, without giving him any chance to double. The bicycle was put out of action and the rider was sent sprawling on to the road.

He picked himself up, his face bleeding and his clothes torn, and when the occupants of the van leaped out to seize him, he again whipped out his revolver and held them at bay. Keeping his pursuers covered he retreated to the level crossing, and dashing through the gates as they were being swung back for an approaching train, he put the railway between himself and his would-be captors.

A constable on a motor cycle took up the chase, as did a number of civilians, with whatever weapons came first to hand.

WOOD-RENTON COMMISSION.

Sir Harry Foster asked the Colonial Secretary if his attention had been called to the proclamation issued by the Governor-General of the Free State, purporting to vary and enlarge the powers of the Wood-Renton Commission, and to amend the Indemnity Act, 1920, and thereby diverting for other purposes part of the money voted by the House of Commons, and if he had taken any and what steps thereon.

Mr. Amery writes in reply:—This proclamation gives effect to the agreement between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Irish Free State, of which he gave the hon. member full particulars in reply to a question on the 16th December.

ADVERTISEMENTS ACT BREACH.

FINES IMPOSED.

The prosecutions instituted by the East Sussex County Council, in regard to the disfigurement of the South Downs by the exhibition of huge advertisement hoardings at Patcham, near Brighton, again came before the Hove County Justices yesterday. There were five defendants—Thomas Gasson, the Turberville Motor School and Works, Ltd., Brighton; Gigins, Ltd., the Provincial Cinema Theatre, Ltd., and the South Coast Land and Resort Company, Ltd.—and they were summoned for infringing a by-law passed under the Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907, which laid down that no advertisement should be exhibited on any hoarding so as to be visible from the public highway and to disfigure the natural beauty of the landscape.

Mr. Gasson was the owner of the land, and the advertisement complained of in his case was one advertising his religious convictions. He let hoardings to the other defendants, who advertised their various businesses and attractions. The Cinema Company's advertisement was 170 feet by 9 feet, and the prosecution contended that the advertisements were hideous, offensive to the eye, and a desecration of the natural beauty of the landscape.

For the defence it was contended that the advertisements did not mar the landscape and that the by-law was passed to stop vandalism.

Mr. Gasson, who had not removed his advertisement, was fined the full penalty of £5 and £1 for each day until the advertisement is removed. The other four defendants, who had removed their advertisements, were each fined 10s. The Court allowed the prosecution twenty guineas, and directed that Mr. Gasson should pay twelve guineas and the other defendants two guineas each.

Mr. Gasson gave notice of appeal on spiritual grounds.

The Zenana Bible and Medical Mission announce that they have received news of the death of Miss L. Johnson-Smyth, who, for the past 34 years, has been a missionary of the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission. She died on February 21 at Barkatora, Benares, where she was head of the station. The Mission states that Miss Johnson-Smyth was a well-known figure in Benares, and greatly respected by all.

RUSSIA'S RULERS.

FIGHT FOR DICTATORSHIP.

STALLIN'S CLEVER MANŒUVRES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

BERLIN, Monday.

M. Stallin's path to the Dictatorship of Russia, which was impeded by two formidable obstacles a year ago, to-day appears to be nearly clear. With Trotsky shelved, this active but stubborn member of the triumvirate is ruling Russia now, according to reports reaching Berlin.

In his attack upon Zinovieff, the leader of the Third Internationale, Stallin has chosen what he believes to be a shady distribution of the "Platinum Fund." Until recently the Third Internationale had been strong enough to distribute this money without accounting for it.

Stallin, however, has gained so much strength that he has been able to recall representatives of the Propaganda Department from England, France, and Germany, and to demand an accounting.

The amount involved is said to exceed twenty millions sterling. For months Stallin has been working for the Dictatorship of Russia. His first biggest obstacle was Trotsky, who had a hold on the popular imagination. A series of clever manœuvres discredited the former chief of the Red Army. Now Stallin is turning his attention to the Chief of the Red Internationale, who is far from popular with the Russian masses. He could have brought charges of high living, bourgeoise habits and hypocrisy against Zinovieff long ago. It is well known that Zinovieff's style of living in Leningrad far oversteps the bounds of Communism. But Stallin has wisely waited until he could find a criminal charge to press. In the distribution of the "Platinum Fund" he has a strong weapon.

Zinovieff once put out of the way, Stallin has only Kameneff against him. The latter plays a *rôle* of relative minor importance among the big men of the Soviet. His mistake in handling the English propaganda funds is considered an irreparable blunder. In Russia it is believed that Kameneff's failure with his propaganda agency in London constituted the first step towards the breakdown of the stronghold that the Russian cause had on the British workers.

Zinovieff has one distinct advantage in the battle—his association with Lenin almost since childhood. He worked with Lenin for more than thirty years. But Lenin, in his characterisation of Zinovieff, declared that he had no ability as a leader, and that he had no conception of Communism. Zinovieff was one of the men who gave the least impression of idealism, but more of the political charlatan and opportunist.

With the investigation into the "Platinum Fund," the fight between Stallin and Zinovieff is definitely on, and Russia is awaiting the outcome with intense interest.

IRISH PRISON OFFICERS.

THEIR PAY AND SERVICE CONDITIONS.

Mr. Amery, in the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. Hayes, who asked whether there was any agreement reached between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the Irish Free State governing the pay and conditions of service of the Irish prison officers when transferred to the Irish Free State, said that he would refer the hon. member to Article X. of the Articles of Agreement for a Treaty between Great Britain and Ireland, published as Command Paper No. 1560, of 1921, Article 7 (1) of the Provisional Government (Transfer of Functions) Order, 1922, and Articles 77 and 78 of the schedule of the Irish Free State Constitution Act, 1922.

T.C.D. MISSION IN BELFAST.

"A LINK BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH."

"Belfast is still a Christian city—more or less—and it would be extremely insolent and altogether improper to speak of a mission to that city," said the Rev. Dr. Newport J. D. White, presiding at the annual meeting of Trinity College Mission in Belfast, held in the Museum, T.C.D., yesterday, when he explained the origin of the project. The first missioner, he pointed out, was Mr. Arthur Barton, who spent some months in England investigating the missions worked in London by the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge before taking up his work in Belfast in 1911. At the time there was in the district in which the Mission worked a house, little bigger than a cottage, which was dignified by the name of St. Mary's Mission Hall; and in 1912 they in Trinity College decided to follow the example of Oxford and Cambridge, and bring the lives of the students into touch with the lives of the artisan classes, and at the same time to provide relief to the rector and the curate, who were finding it impossible to reach all of the 15,000 people who lived in St. Mary's Parish.

Missions were one of the most important spiritual agencies, said Mr. White. Christian people, no matter what views they held on politics, ought to do their utmost to bring all parts of Ireland together, if not in one political system, certainly in sympathy, love, and mutual confidence. That Mission was a very important link between North and South. (Hear, hear.)

The Rev. C. H. Lyndon, head of the Mission, in proposing the adoption of the annual report, said that the fact that many others had claimed to have started the Mission was rather a compliment. He was most anxious that an effort should be begun at once to link the University and the Mission strongly together. Oxford and Cambridge had not found it impossible to work missions in London, and surely T.C.D. should be able to do similar work. Their work was growing, and they hoped to be able to extend the Mission Hall by the 1st April next. There had been a big debt on the hall, and, while it was the case that the bulk of the relief money which had been received came from Belfast, it was gratifying to know that a great many subscriptions came from the other twenty-six counties. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Johnston, seconding, said that he was also in favour of sending representatives of T.C.D. to see what effect the Mission was having, and to take part in the work. He appealed for financial support, adding that he could not see why the Student Christian Movement should not get behind the project, why a Rugby match should not be played for its benefit, or why they should not invite deputations from the Mission's workers to speak at Trinity on the progress of their work.

The report, which was adopted, stated that the past year had been one of marked progress, and that the debt of £3,740 on the building fund, incurred by the construction of the mission hall in Riga street, had been cleared off. In view of the achievements of the mission and its growing prosperity, it had been decided to build a supplementary hall. A debt of £320 still remained on the general fund. The loss during the year of many generous subscribers and helpers had added to their difficulty, and they deeply regretted the loss of Mr. Herbert Ewart and Canon J. E. Browne, a Vice-President of the mission and rector of St. Mary's Parish. The Committee expressed its gratitude to the Rev. E. C. Hodges, B.D., for his untiring work as hon. secretary of the mission.

CIVIC GUARDS SEARCH FOR ARMS.

Civic Guards from Watercourse Road Railway Station, Cork, visited several houses in the Blackpool area about 7 o'clock yesterday morning in a search for arms, but nothing was found.

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CORK'S GREAT PLAN.

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cost of living; it will give a chance to your manufacturers to regain their home market and compete in foreign markets; it will help materially your export farmer; it will produce stability where stability is badly needed, and put new heart and hope in the whole Irish people, and urge them irresistibly forward, through the road that leads, through accomplishments, to stability and peace. (Applause.)

CRITICISM.

PROBLEM OF DEFICIENCY.

Mr. Carton proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Punch for his statement, which, he said, was a model of lucidity and compactness, and if in the last resource the proposal was not adopted it would not be because of faulty advocacy on that gentleman's part.

If income tax were remitted, there would be an immediate decrease in revenue, and Mr. Punch proposed to make good that loss by a curtailment of expenditure. The question might fairly be asked—would that saving be sufficiently effective to enable the Minister to balance his Budget? If it was not, how would the Minister meet the deficiency? It was suggested that the deficiency should be funded; but would that make the country better off? There was a risk of over-capitalisation if the income tax were removed, because it would provide an incentive to commercial enterprise and to an influx of capital into the country, which might have the effect of "making us worse off than we were before."

The discontinuance of income tax would alter the incidence of taxation, and if Mr. Punch's proposal were carried the position should be taken into account. There was another aspect of the matter. They had to bear in mind that almost certainly the income tax would be reduced within the next few years, and that the difference would be so small between no income tax and the lower income tax that it might do away with the incentive to enterprise.

He would like to express the hope that the time was not far distant when Dublin business men—who were not so alert in intellect as the Corkmen—(laughter)—would have an opportunity of laying their views on this subject before a meeting of the Cork Rotary Club. (Hear, hear.)

NOT CONVINCED.

Mr. J. C. Eason, seconding the motion, said that the subject was a difficult and complex one, but it would be useful to bring out opinions for and against the proposal. He was not convinced that the proposal was on right lines. The country was labouring under a burden of heavy taxation, but they had reached a stage when it was a question of reducing expenditure. Expenditure must be reduced—(hear, hear)—and he believed that it could be reduced.

Among the sources available for revenue income tax stood in the very forefront; but the proposal to abolish, or reduce, income tax at present ruled out all other reductions on other methods of raising revenue. If Mr. Punch's proposal were adopted, the possibility of reduction in indirect taxation was wiped out. His personal belief was that the reduction of taxation on articles of consumption would be a distinct relief, and would confer a benefit to the same extent as a reduction in the income tax would do. In the majority of cases the reduction of income tax could not be reflected in the price of goods.

Production costs all round required to be reduced, and, with the income tax on the same level as that on the other side of the Channel, if they got a reduction in the cost of living and stimulated the workers to produce more, a real advantage would be conferred, and men would be found who would invest capital in the Free State. After all, income tax was a flexible means of raising money with which to carry on the Government. It was a fair tax all round. If he were asked, he should say: "Rely on income tax only and abolish other taxation." (Hear, hear.) To relieve income tax payers and not to touch the tax on the food of the people was not a sound proposal.

COST OF COLLECTION.

Mr. Kevin Kenny said that he had been told that the cost of income tax collection was £80,000, and not the quarter of a million set down by Mr. Punch.

Mr. Sparkhall Browne said that he did not attach much importance to the proposal to abolish income tax, although he was grateful to the Cork gentlemen for having spurred up the whole country on the subject. It was the one form of taxation which applied to every person according to his means.

Dr. Hennessy said that he did not think that it was practicable to abolish income tax. To do so would impose a burden on the class who could not afford it, and increase the cost of living. But income tax must be reduced to a lower level than it was in England. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. M. O'Brien said that the Government should not be allowed to indulge in all sorts of taxation. Expenditure should be cut down. There was one thing in particular to which attention should be directed, and that was the giving of pensions to young men who desired to retire from the Civil Service. Although these men were capable of rendering good service to the State for many years' more, they were given magnificent pensions, which they took and spent abroad.

Lower taxes were absolutely necessary, and it was pleasant to think that the cry for reform came from Cork; for as they all knew, Cork ruled the Government and what Cork asked for the Government would have to do. (Hear, hear, and laughter.)

Senator Nesbitt also contributed to the discussion.

MR. FLINN.

Replying to the vote of thanks, Mr. Flinn took the place of his colleague, Mr. Punch. He said that it was quite possible that in asking the Government to do the big thing they were preparing it to do a small thing. He and his friends were merely pushing the movement for a general reduction in income tax, and if they succeeded they would have done a good thing. (Hear, hear.) They wanted to relieve Irish capital which should be used in producing wealth from the burden that it bore.

Although income tax might be a convenience to a highly developed State possessing a large amount of capital, and probably looking for outlets for that capital, it was a very different question in a country which had poured out the whole of its liquid capital, except that which could not get away without destroying the value of that fixed capital. He mentioned the case of a man from America, who placed 750,000 dollars on the desk of a Cork bank manager, saying that he was prepared to expend that sum and a great deal more in building hotels along the coast of the West and South of Ireland, but he would not pay 6s. out of every 14s. earned, and that 750,000 dollars went back to America.

Another man who had £300,000 on deposit refused to invest it for the same reason. He believed that the proposal which they in Cork had brought before the country was fundamentally sound, and that if it were adopted it would change the whole face of industrial Ireland. (Applause.)

SCHOOLMASTERS' DUTY.

TO ADVISE CHILDREN ABOUT EMPLOYMENT.

Lord Eustace Percy, President of the Board of Education, addressing the annual meeting yesterday of the managers of London elementary schools, said that it was of supreme importance that the individual school should be an employment centre. No schoolmaster, no local authority, no manager was doing his full duty in education if children left school intending to seek employment without a definite prospect of finding employment.

He did not say schools ought to aim at sending every child out to immediate employment, but the schools should aim at knowing what was going to happen to that child when it did leave school, and if it wished to go into immediate employment then the school ought to give definite advice to the child as to what employment it should enter, or how it might best find employment it desired. England's educational system was superior to that of any other country, but much remained to be done. Of that nothing was more important than the improvement of the character and tone and individuality of every school.

LATE PROFESSOR SMITH'S FUNERAL.

The name of Dr. Reginald White was omitted from the list of those who attended the funeral of the late Professor Smith.

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BURNT LIMERICK THEATRE.

INSURANCE COMPANIES AND LIABILITY.

The burning of the Theatre Royal Cinema in Limerick on January 23rd, 1922, was the subject of an action in the King's Bench Division, London, yesterday, before Mr. Justice McCardie, when Mr. Michael William Shanley sued the Allied Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd., to recover upon a valued policy insuring loss of profit. The hearing of the case had not been completed at the rising of the Court.

Mr. Schiller, K.C., for the plaintiff, said that the plaintiff had been carrying on the cinema for some time, and had insured it and a number of other places against loss of profit caused by fire. The policy was dated October 25, 1921, and the theatre was burned to the ground on January 23, 1922. Only four rickety walls were left standing, and it became quite impossible under existing conditions in Ireland to build it up again. A claim was made against two companies which had insured the fabrics and contents, and that went to arbitration before Mr. A. Neilson, K.C. The arbitration proceeded up to a certain point, and then the two companies submitted to an award for £3,375 and £1,125, respectively, making a total of £4,500. The present claim against the defendants was for £3,000.

The defendant company, among other defences, said that certain conditions of the policy had not been complied with, in that the other insurance companies had never paid or admitted liability for the damage caused by the fire, and there had been a mis-statement or concealment of material facts.

Mr. Merriman, K.C., for the defence, said that the fire policies said that no theatrical or scenic performances should be given in the place which was called a cinema. The evidence that he called at the arbitration tended to show that for four consecutive weeks before the fire there had been theatrical or scenic performances. There had also been a rehearsal within half an hour of the fire. That Court would not be surprised to hear that liability was strongly disputed by the fire insurance companies.

At the arbitration the parties agreed to terms involving payment of 40 per cent. of the sum insured, each side paying their own costs. The present defendants were not concerned with the way in which effect was given to that bargain, and he said that they were entitled to go behind the award and show that it was not an admission of liability at all.

Mr. Schiller said that the fire insurance companies felt that they were on such insecure ground that they submitted to an award for £4,500, and had paid that sum.

Mr. Merriman said that the plaintiff insisted that the agreement should take the form of an award, so as to preserve his rights against the defendants here.

Mr. Schiller submitted that the defendants could not reopen that matter, and that it was not clear that the other fire companies had paid or admitted liability in respect of damage by fire. The other point was that something was done to increase the risk after the policy was entered into, and that the policy was void, because that fact was concealed from the defendants. The building originally started life as a circus, and then became a theatre. It did not prosper, and in 1918 Mr. Shanley bought it, spent a good deal of money on it, and turned it into a cinema. The main part of the performances was devoted to films, but between the films there were turns by comedians or sketches.

Mr. Shanley, the plaintiff, gave evidence, and said that it was quite usual to have "turns" in between the films. He would not call it a variety show at all.

Cross-examined by Mr. Merriman—He agreed that the advertisement bills were headed "pictures and variety." He paid the defendant company a premium of 5s. 3d. per cent. When the theatre was used for theatrical performances he paid 42s. per cent.

Mr. Joseph McKenna, of Orchard street, Derry, the plaintiff's manager at the theatre, gave evidence as to the entertainments, and said that the fire started near the gallery, far away from the stage.

For the defence, Mr. J. F. Conoran, employed by the Ministry of Pensions in Ireland, gave evidence as to the character of the entertainments.

Mr. Percival, Secretary of the Provincial Entertainment Proprietors' and Managers' Association, said that purely cinema performances involved much less risk than theatrical performances with costumes, scenery, lights, etc. He had often seen actors walk from their dressing rooms with lighted cigarettes.

Mr. Maurice Charles Billson, general manager of the defendant company, said that in his policies with the plaintiff the use of scenic effects and footlights were barred, because of the increasing hazard. An additional premium had to be paid in houses where performances were given which required scenic effects. He was not told at the time that this theatre was used for variety turns, and was distinctly told it was not so used. He would not have accepted the risk at 5s. 3d. if he had known that there were to be these turns.

The hearing was adjourned.

DUBLIN'S BASEMENT DWELLERS.

NEED OF VOLUNTARY AID WORKERS.

The importance of securing proper attention for the infants of the working classes of Dublin was urged last night at the annual meeting of the Infant Aid Society for the Prevention of Infantile Mortality, at the Engineers' Hall, Dawson street, Dublin.

Dr. Reginald J. White, who presided, said that the Society was in need of women with a few hours in the week to spare, and he was certain that if the work of the Society was brought to their notice there would be an enormous increase in the number of voluntary visitors.

The annual report, which was read by Miss Nagle, recorded an increase in the number of volunteers who visited the mothers and infants in their homes, and helped in other ways to relieve the suffering and distress, which had never been greater than during the past year. The appalling conditions under which the poor of Dublin lived could best be realised by those who were continually visiting them. They found expectant mothers and children in cellars and basement kitchens, ill-ventilated and dark, overcrowded and insanitary. It was impossible to expect any improvement in the health of mothers and infants living in such surroundings.

During the year there were 6,440 notifications of births received from the Medical Officer of Health. The number of visits paid by the nurses and health visitor was 41,307, and the voluntary visitors paid 10,276. The relief distributed consisted of 14,059 gallons of free milk, 7,060 gallons of milk sold at a reduced price, 2,857 free dinners, 1,245 1lb. tins of Nestle's milk, 223lbs. free Glaxo, 624lbs. Glaxo sold at a reduced rate, 48 bags of coal, and 911 garments.

Dr. M. O'Leary said that their Society was the only one which devoted its whole time to the welfare of children under one year. The high mortality rate which at present existed was almost entirely due to faulty and irregular feeding and lack of fresh air and sunshine. Disease would seldom occur in babyhood if the mother received proper tuition.

Dr. Louis Cassidy, Master of the Coombe Maternity Hospital, made a strong appeal for voluntary visitors to extend the usefulness of the Society.

Mr. E. P. McCarron, of the Department of Local Government, said that never before in the history of Dublin was there more housing being carried out than at the present time, and no Government was supporting housing more liberally or getting results more quickly than the present Irish Government.

Speaking of the Carnegie Trust, Mr. McCarron said that about a year ago it came to their notice that £25,000, which had been made available to Dublin was likely to be lost to the city owing to delay. They got into touch with the Carnegie trustees and secured an extension of time. The wish of the Carnegie trustees was that a building should be created for the development of work in connection with infant aid, maternity and child welfare.

At the conclusion of the meeting a very enjoyable concert programme was contributed by Mr. Gerard Crofts, Mons. Jean Bertin, Miss May Mortell and Mrs. Angela Williams.

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BURNT LIMERICK THEATRE.

INSURANCE COMPANIES AND LIABILITY.

The burning of the Theatre Royal Cinema in Limerick on January 23rd, 1922, was the subject of an action in the King's Bench Division, London, yesterday, before Mr. Justice McCardie, when Mr. Michael William Shanley sued the Allied Traders' Insurance Company, Ltd., recover upon a valued policy insuring loss of profit. The hearing of the case had not been completed at the rising of the Court.

Mr. Schiller, K.C., for the plaintiff, said that the plaintiff had been carrying on the cinema for some time, and had insured it and a number of other places against loss of profit caused by fire. The policy was dated October 25, 1921, and the theatre was burned to the ground on January 23, 1922. Only four rickety walls were left standing, and it became quite impossible under existing conditions in Ireland to build it up again. A claim was made against two companies which had insured the fabrics and contents, and that went to arbitration before Mr. A. Neilson, K.C. The arbitration proceeded up to a certain point, and then the two companies submitted to an award for £3,375 and £1,125, respectively, making a total of £4,500. The present claim against the defendants was for £2,000.

The defendant company, among other defences, said that certain conditions of the policy had not been complied with, in that the other insurance companies had never paid or admitted liability for the damage caused by the fire, and there had been a mis-statement or concealment of material facts.

Mr. Merriman, K.C., for the defence, said that the fire policies said that no theatrical or scenic performances should be given in the place which was called a cinema. The evidence that he called at the arbitration tended to show that for four consecutive weeks before the fire there had been theatrical or scenic performances. There had also been a rehearsal within half an hour of the fire. That Court would not be surprised to hear that liability was strongly disputed by the fire insurance companies.

At the arbitration the parties agreed to terms involving payment of 40 per cent. of the sum insured, each side paying their own costs. The present defendants were not concerned with the way in which effect was given to that bargain, and he said that they were entitled to go behind the award and show that it was not an admission of liability at all.

Mr. Schiller said that the fire insurance companies felt that they were on such insecure ground that they submitted to an award for £4,500, and had paid that sum.

Mr. Merriman said that the plaintiff insisted that the agreement should take the form of an award, so as to preserve his rights against the defendants here.

Mr. Schiller submitted that the defendants could not reopen that matter, and that it was not clear that the other fire companies had paid or admitted liability in respect of damage by fire. The other point was that something was done to increase the risk after the policy was entered into, and that the policy was void, because that fact was concealed from the defendants. The building originally started life as a circus, and then became a theatre. It did not prosper, and in 1918 Mr. Shanley bought it, spent a good deal of money on it, and turned it into a cinema. The main part of the performances was devoted to films, but between the films there were turns by comedians or sketches.

Mr. Shanley, the plaintiff, gave evidence, and said that it was quite usual to have "turns" in between the films. He would not call it a variety show at all.

Cross-examined by Mr. Merriman—He agreed that the advertisement bills were headed "pictures and variety." His paid the defendant company a premium of 5s. 2d. per cent. When the threatre was used for theatrical performances he paid 42s. per cent.

Mr. Joseph McKenna, of Orchard street, Derry, the plaintiff's manager at the theatre, gave evidence as to the entertainments, and said that the fire started near the gallery, far away from the stage.

For the defence, Mr. J. F. Conoran, employed by the Ministry of Pensions in Ireland, gave evidence as to the character of the entertainments.

Mr. Percival, Secretary of the Provincial Entertainment Proprietors' and Managers' Association, said that purely cinema performances involved much less risk than theatrical performances with costumes, scenery, lights, etc. He had often seen actors walk from their dressing rooms with lighted cigarettes.

Mr. Maurice Charles Billson, general manager of the defendant company, said that in his policies with the plaintiff the use of scenic effects and footlights were barred, because of the increasing hazard. An additional premium had to be paid in houses where performances were given which required scenic effects. He was not told at the time that this theatre was used for variety turns, and was distinctly told it was not so used. He would not have accepted the risk at 5s. 3d. if he had known that there were to be these turns.

The hearing was adjourned.

DUBLIN'S BASEMENT DWELLERS.

NEED OF VOLUNTARY AID WORKERS.

The importance of securing proper attention for the infants of the working classes of Dublin was urged last night at the annual meeting of the Infant Aid Society for the Prevention of Infantile Mortality, at the Engineers' Hall, Dawson street, Dublin.

Dr. Reginald J. White, who presided, said that the Society was in need of women with a few hours in the week to spare, and he was certain that if the work of the Society was brought to their notice there would be an enormous increase in the number of voluntary visitors.

The annual report, which was read by Miss Nagle, recorded an increase in the number of volunteers who visited the mothers and infants in their homes, and helped in other ways to relieve the suffering and distress, which had never been greater than during the past year. The appalling conditions under which the poor of Dublin lived could best be realised by those who were continually visiting them. They found expectant mothers and children in cellars and basement kitchens, ill-ventilated and dark, overcrowded and insanitary. It was impossible to expect any improvement in the health of mothers and infants living in such surroundings.

During the year there were 6,440 notifications of births received from the Medical Officer of Health. The number of visits paid by the nurses and health visitor was 41,307, and the voluntary visitors paid 10,276. The relief distributed consisted of 14,099 gallons of free milk, 7,060 gallons of milk sold at a reduced price, 2,807 free dinners, 1,245 lbs. tins of Nestle's milk, 225lbs. free Glazo, 624lbs. Glazo sold at a reduced rate, 46 bags of coal, and 911 garments.

Dr. M. O'Leary said that their Society was the only one which devoted its whole time to the welfare of children under one year. The high mortality rate which at present existed was almost entirely due to faulty and irregular feeding and lack of fresh air and sunshine. Disease would seldom occur in babyhood if the mother received proper instion.

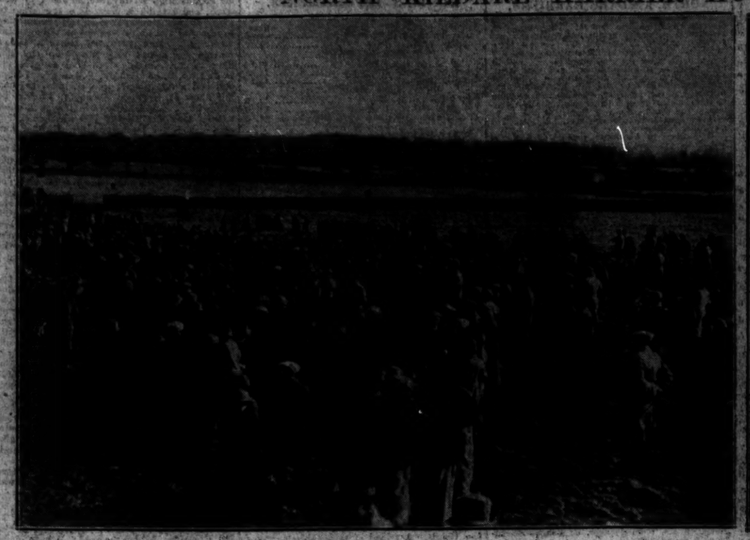
Dr. Louis Cassidy, Master of the Coombe Maternity Hospital, made a strong appeal for voluntary visitors to extend the usefulness of the Society.

Mr. E. P. McCarron, of the Department of Local Government, said that never before in the history of Dublin was there more housing being carried out than at the present time, and no Government was supporting housing more liberally or getting the work done quickly than the present Irish Government.

Speaking of the Carnegie Trust, Mr. McCarron said that about a year ago it came to their notice that £85,000, which would be made available to Dublin, was likely to be lost to the city owing to delay. They got into touch with the Carnegie trustees and secured an extension of time. The wish of the Carnegie trustees was that a building should be created for the development of work in connection with infant aid, maternity and child welfare.

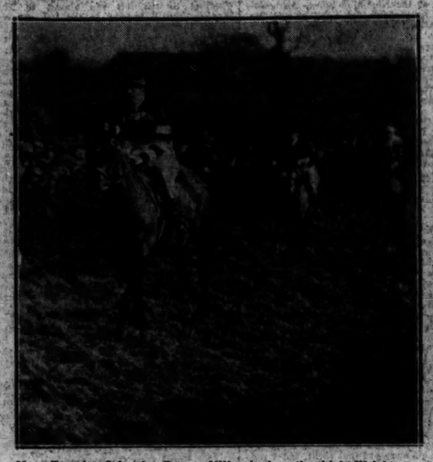
At the conclusion of the meeting a very enjoyable concert programme was contributed by Mr. Gerard Crofts, Mous. Jean Bertin, Miss May Mortell and Mrs. Argyle-Williams.

NORTH KILDARE HARRIER HUNT RACES.



A General View of the Finish at the North Kildare Harrier Hunt Races at Windgates yesterday.

Captain and Mrs. Harris talking to Mrs. F. H. Brooke.



Mr. Francis Colgan's Berry Hill winning the Light-Weight Open Race.

Miss Wolfe's Star of Hope and Miss M. Brown's Sun Baby, second and third in the Bracelet Stakes.

The Hon. Mrs. White's The Bird, winner of the Bracelet Stakes, clearing the last fence.

SALMON FISHING ON THE LIFFEY, LUCAN, CO. DUBLIN.

An Over-run.

The Salmon Leap at Lucan, Co. Dublin.

Lucan Castle, Lucan, Co. Dublin. West aspect.

Mr. A. Daigity making a cast.

PENTONVILLE PETED.

BORED BY STOCK EXCHANGE CELEBRATIONS.

Pentonville, the dog that won the Waterloo Cup, was taken so Liverpool Stock Exchange Derby. Business was stopped on the floor yesterday. In its presence of the crowd of members, Pentonville was presented with a big bone and biscuits on a salver. A cast of paper was presented to the trainer. It is stated that the dog took little interest in the proceedings.

DROWNED IN CANAL.

A verdict of "found drowned" was returned by the coroner's jury at Ashtown, Castle Dublin, yesterday at the inquest on Jo[h]n Fitzgerald (63), 4 Upper Gloucester [illegible], whose body was found in the [illegible] Canal, near Ashtown railway station, by Patrick Farrell, who had been a [illegible] car driver, was missed from his home since the 22nd January last.

General Smuts has declined invitations to visit America.

TO-DAY'S BROADCASTING PROGRAMMES

The letters "MCR" signify wireless telephony transmissions.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

1.0-2.0—Time (Greenwich). Music played during luncheon at the Hotel Cecil. 2.15—Orchestral Programme relayed from the Savoy Hotel. 3.0-4.0—Orchestral Music. 4.0-4.15—Children. David Wise (violin solos). 4.15—Time (Big Ben). Weather and News. 4.30—Talk (Dr. H. R. Ackermann, "Popular Fallacies in Engineering and Science"). 5.0—Talk (Capt. Leigh Ashton, R.N. "In all Weathers"). 5.30—All Stations Programme, entitled "Old Songs." Programme of Old English Songs, arranged by Dr. Arnold Dolmetsch (baritone). The Chapin Trio. 6.30—From the Window of Philharmonic Hall, Gerrard street, Vernon Bartlett will broadcast a description of "The Mayor's Procession." 6.50—Time (Greenwich Mean Time). Weather and News. B.B.C. Announcements. 7.0—Orchestral Concert relayed from the Savoy Hotel. Lecture. 8.15—Talk (Mr. Filson Young, "Books and Men"). 8.30—Time (Greenwich Mean Time). Weather and News. B.B.C. Announcements. 9.0—Orchestral Concert relayed from the Savoy Hotel. Lecture. 10.15—Close down.

CHELMSFORD (5XX)—1,600 Metres.

(High-Power Station).

3.30-4.30—Afternoon Concert. 6.30-7.30—From London. 7.30—Evening Concert (same). Mabel Constantduros, Arthur Hayes, Hyacinth Jones, Derek Oldham, Harry Mortimer. 10.0—Close down.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

3.30-4.0—Orchestra. 4.0-4.30—School Transmission. 5.0-5.20—Women's Hour. Nurse Cavell (soprano). 5.30-6.45—Children. 7.0-11.0—From London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

2.45-4.0—Women. Organist Quintet. Reginald Mossi (violin). Thomas Illingworth (cello). Charles Leason (piano). H. L. Gibson (flute). A. C. Somers (oboe). 5.0-6.30—Children. 6.30-7.45—Farmers. 7.0-11.0—From London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

2.0-3.30—Transmission of Concert. 3.30-4.0—Station Trio. 4.45-5.15—5WA's Children's Hour. 5.15-6.0—Children. 7.0-11.0—From London.

MANCHESTER (2EY)—378 Metres.

12.30-2.0—Lunch Hour Programme. 2.0—Interval. 3.0—Time (Greenwich). Forbes and Mabel Constantduros. 3.30-4.30—Broadcast to Schools. 4.30-5.0—Children. 5.30-6.15—Local Weather Report. 6.30-7.0—Time. 7.0-11.0—From London.

NEWCASTLE (2NO)—400 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Programme relayed (concerto). Robert Nott (accordion). Hilda Richardson (violin). 3.45-5.15—Concert. 5.15—Children. 6.30-7.0—Time. 7.0-11.0—From London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

2.45-4.0—Concert. 4.0-4.30—Children. 5.0-6.30—Concert. 6.30-7.0—Local News. 7.0—Dance Music. 7.45—Concert. 10.0—Close down.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—810 Metres.

4.30-5.0—Children. 7.0—Local News. 7.5—Concert. 10.0—Close down.

(solo violin), Jules Gaillard (viola), Robert Curtis (cello), Miss Gaillard (harp). 8.30—Weather and News. Local News. 10.0—Dance Music. 11.30—Close down.

BELFAST (2BE)—338 Metres.

11.45-12.30—Gramophone Records. 4.0-5.30—Concert. 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0-11.0—From London.

LIQUOR ACT CATECHISM.

An interesting booklet in the form of a catechism on the Intoxicating Liquor (General) Act, 1924, for the use of policemen, traders and others, has been issued by Messrs. Eason and Son, Ltd. The author is Superintendent Denis Carey, of the Dublin Metropolitan Police. The answers given to the various questions agree minutely with the text of the Act, and a feature of the work is the comprehensive index. The booklet is nicely printed.

BANK SUCCESSES.

Latest Exams.:—HIBERNIAN—Messrs. Woods and Archer; NATIONAL—Mr. M. J. [illegible]. PROVINCIAL—Mr. D. Barrett; ROYAL—Messrs. Dillon and Glass.—McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, O'Connell street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Mr. R. J. Godby, Senior Society Steward of Dolphin's Barn Church, has been appointed a representative of the St. Stephen's Green circuit on the Board of Governors of the Female Orphan School, Dublin.

Mr. W. Crewe, who has been elected President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce for 1925, is a member of Rathgar Methodist Church.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Methodist Missionary Society have resolved to appoint a second qualified doctor. Dr. Elsie Campbell, daughter of the Rev. J. W. R. Campbell, Dublin, has been appointed colleague to Dr. Snowden at Karimbadgey.

The Irish returns show that in spite of decreases in four Irish districts, Ireland, as a whole, contributed £331 more than it did in 1924.

During a visit of the Governor of Burma to Naingkwen, a borderland district of India, with the object of suppressing human sacrifices and slavery, a durbar was held, and the jungle folk were entertained by fireworks, gifts and a gramophone. As the result several slaves were released spontaneously. The natives insisted, however, on adhering to their practices of offering sacrifices as a protection against evil.

SOCIETY BREACH OF PROMISE.

EARL'S GRANDDAUGHTER GETS £500.

The hearing concluded in the King's Bench Division, London, yesterday of the action for damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage, brought by Mrs. Adelaide Margaret Constance Lubbock, of Reigate, a granddaughter of the fourteenth Earl of Eglinton, against Mr. Frank Greswold-Williams, a wealthy Worcestershire gentleman.

The case for the plaintiff, who divorced her husband in March, 1922, was that she met the defendant, whose wife had died in 1923, at hunt meetings, and they became very friendly. Afterwards he proposed marriage to her, and it was arranged that they were to be married on a certain Saturday. At the defendant's request the marriage was postponed owing to the pending marriage of one of his daughters. Later, he told the plaintiff: "My family are playing the devil. If I marry you they will not speak to me and will have nothing to do with me, and it must be off."

Opening the defence, Sir Patrick Hastings told the jury that it was one of the most tragic stories possible to conceive. Mr. Greswold-Williams was very wealthy, and his life seemed cast on pleasant lines, but between the outbreak of the war and the time that he met the plaintiff he had a series of most dreadful tragedies. His son was killed in the war; he himself had a rifle accident which blew half his head away, and his wife, to whom he was devoted, died after illness in Africa. As the result of this series of calamities, Mr. Greswold-Williams was not responsible for what he was doing at the time when Mrs. Lubbock was courting him. Evidence would be overwhelming that the defendant was habitually promising any woman that he would marry her. He was quite irresponsible.

Mr. Justice Avory, in summing up, reviewed the history of the case, and told the jury that if the promise was rescinded by mutual consent there was an end to the case. They must consider whether the plaintiff's letters and conduct generally threw any light on the question whether she consented to the engagement being broken off, with the hope, possibly, that at some future date it might be revived. If, after the engagement was broken off, the plaintiff was in a state of collapse, she did not waste much time in administering to herself what was the best tonic for some women in such a state, and that was ordering a new gown.

Referring to the letters, his lordship observed that both parties were apparently fond of the expression "Brick," and in a letter this lady of ancient lineage talked about being "in the soup," and about "blasted moneylenders." She wrote—"Five hundred pounds will see me through. I always want to be a brick." There is that brick again. (Laughter.) This is a lady who claims that her tenderest feelings have been outraged, and that damages ought to be awarded for the injury done to her feelings.

Refering to the evidence that the defendant proposed to almost every woman that he met, his lordship remarked—"If all these ladies had jumped at these proposals the way that the plaintiff did, the Sultan's harem would have been nothing to it."

His Lordship went on to ask the jury to say whether it was the case of a man making marriage proposals who had been in a state of erotic, alcoholic imbecility, and on the question of damages said—"I was under the impression—it may have been years ago—that when an engagement was broken off it was usual for the lady to return the jewellery, particularly the engagement ring; but this lady does not return any of them. Oh, no; she tells us she has pawned them instead. She has had the benefit of the jewellery and clothes, in money worth over £540, from the defendant. In these circumstances, you may take into consideration the question of whether she was not more than compensated for any injury done to her through the conduct of the defendant. If you are of that opinion, you may express that view in the shape of any one of the small coins of the realm."

The jury retired shortly after 4 o'clock. They returned to court at 6.10 with a verdict for the plaintiff, damages £500.

Judgment was entered accordingly, with costs, and his lordship excused the jury from further service for a number of years.

COLLEGE THEATRICALS.

OPERETTA PRODUCED BY BELVEDERE BOYS.

In the Theatre of the Belvedere College, Dublin, last night, in the presence of a large company, the Belvedere Junior Dramatic and Operatic Club staged an operetta "Blue Beard." The book is the work of Mr. L. O. Tisdall, who has based his plot on the well-known story, and for it Mr. E. O. Gilbert has written tuneful and bright music. The operetta is made up of five scenes in three acts, which recite the story of Fatima's marriage to Blue Beard to relieve her father, Ibrahim, of pressing debts. In successive scenes are portrayed the home-coming of the "happy" pair, Fatima's realisation of the true nature of her husband, and later her discovery of the Blue Chamber, with its ghastly contents. The play ends with the death of Blue Beard, and the re-union of Fatima to her father and family.

The performance was highly creditable, and well merited the hearty applause with which it was received. The youngsters in the caste displayed great cleverness and ability, both vocally and historically. Special mention may be made of Master E. Curling, who played the exacting rôle of Fatima. This boy has a very pleasant and promising soprano voice, and got through a number of difficult items in a very creditable manner. Very successful, too, was Master R. Moloney, as Blue Beard. He had an admirable conception of the part of the tyrannical husband, and spoke and sang his lines well. Master K. Nowlan was also good as Anne, the frolicking, fun-making sister of Fatima. Others who performed with credit were D. Healy (Ibrahim), M. Nolan (Billbad), B. O'Brien, and R. Sandys (Selim and Hassan), C. Conroy and M. O'Flanagan (servants of Anne and Fatima), together with a full company of bailliffs, Turkish soldiers and chorus.

The staging, lighting and scenic effects were admirable, and won warm commendation, especially a very pretty setting of Blue Beard's garden, where Fatima and her sister discover the secret of the Blue Chamber.

The Rev. J. Fitzgibbon, S.J., was responsible for the production, while Mr. L. O'Brien conducted.

Before the operetta a clever display of Swedish drill was given by Mr. Wright's junior class. During the intervals musical selections were rendered by the Old Belvederians' orchestra, composed of Miss Melesdy (piano), Miss O'Connor, Miss Brough, and Master R. Darby (violins), Messrs. J. McGrath and Fergus Ryan (banjos), and Mr. L. McGrath (effects).

WAGES AND OUTPUT.

LINEN TRADE LEADERS' REFERENCES.

Major Hall Thompson, speaking at the annual dinner of Belfast Association of Employers last Saturday night, said that when industry was enjoying prosperity trade unions made unreasonable demands. He feared that if again prosperity developed, after the recent severe depression, immediately that prosperity revived they would again have unreasonable demands. They should, during the last five years, have learned enough about economics to know that increased wages on an article which would only sell at a certain price would not lead to sales, and certainly not lead to improved standard of living. He had no desire to see wages reduced, but he had a very strong desire to see that there was no handicap put on goods which would prevent them selling, and he was anxious to see the standard of living improved. That could only be done by reduced cost of production, and reduced cost of production could only be obtained either by lowering wages or increasing output. The proper way lies in increasing output, and that was what the country and the whole nation needed more than anything else at the present moment.

Sir William Goode, a former President of the Austrian Section of the Reparation Commission, has arrived in Budapest.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

PARTH'S TASK.

GOOD PERFORMANCE BY ORMADA.

FLY MASK AND VIVE.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LEICESTER, Monday Night.

It has been practically decided, I am told, that Parth will be sent to run for the Lincolnshire Handicap, should it be possible, in face of the rather adverse conditions, to give him a proper preparation for the race. In attempting to win under 9st. 6lb., he will be asked to do something that has never yet been accomplished in the race, but the mere fact that it has not been done before is no reason why it should not be possible next month. It is not often that we get a horse of the undeniable class of Parth making an effort to win the Lincolnshire. He will outclass, of course, the greater part of the field, but it is rather doubtful whether the Lincoln course is an ideal one, or even entirely suited to one like him, who does best when he is waited with and brought with one run.

The weather was wretched for the opening of the meeting here this afternoon, and as it had been raining all the morning the attendance was a restricted one. I thought Ormada put up his best performance of the season when he gave 21lb. to Syrian in the Leicestershire Handicap Hurdle, and beat Escott's charge in a common canter by six lengths. His trainer, Captain Powell, made the bargain of the season when he bought the tubed horse in October out of Mr. James White's draft from 180 gns. Syrian was favourite here, and Perahara was also well backed, but this latter horse of Bennett's was disappointing, for, after staying up in front with Celtic Mist for a mile, he dropped out and finished last. From the moment that Ormada dashed into the lead three hurdles from home the race was at his mercy, and he beat Syrian pointless. In soft going, such as we have had for the greater part of this winter, Ormada needs some stopping.

CAPTAIN POWELL'S TWO WINNERS.

Captain Powell has been very successful since he gave up soldiering a couple of years ago to start training. Ormada was his second winner of the afternoon, for he had just previously won the Kilby Hurdle with Truthful James. He bought this horse, who had run rather inconspicuously in Lord Crewe's colours on the flat, for 500 gns. at the December Sales, and this was his first appearance over hurdles. It was a most flattering one, too, for although the colt had no quotation in the market, he was good enough to beat the red hot favourite, Hurrybelle, by a length and a half. A short price was taken about Mr. Ash's filly, but she did not stay the two miles in the heavy going, and lost by a length and a half to Truthful James.

The going was so bad that Stanley Harrison would not run Cylvida in the Blaby Steeplechase. Scottish Archer and General Advance were joint favourites, but the latter performed indifferently, while Scottish Archer went on to beat Korsukan comfortably by a couple of lengths. Rimmel, a young trainer who recently started in Worcestershire, picked up the old plating hurdler, Elson, cheaply a few months back and has taught him to jump a country. He was good enough here to win the Melton Steeplechase in a canter from Kilmoral in a field of ten runners.

To-morrow we are to see Mr. Laidlaw's Grand National candidate, Fly Mask, in the field here for the Spring Handicap Steeplechase. He is not too well handicapped, for he has to give a good deal of weight to Royal Chancellor and VIVE over three miles. The last-named disappointed in the Grand Allies' 'Chase at Manchester, but I am inclined to think that he will win here, though Fly Mask, who has some speed as well as his great stamina, should make a race with him. The performance of Royal Chancellor, who is also in the National, will be watched with some interest. The rest of the racing will not be very interesting. HILTON is my selection for the Moderate Handicap Hurdle, while L'AIGLON, also in the National, may win the Leicestershire Foxhunters Steeplechase for Coulthwaite.

GALTEE MORE.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Lord Westmorland, the Badminton trainer, has saddled no fewer than 25 seconds during the National Hunt season to date.

Two more horses have arrived at Hammond's place at Lewes from Ireland—viz., Snow Village and Wicket Gate, the property of Captain Whitelaw.

Len Johnson (Manchester) defeated Roland Todd (Doncaster) on points in a 20-round contest at the King's Hall, Manchester, yesterday.

In the semi-final round of the Duke of Connaught's Commemoration Polo Tournament at Delhi yesterday Bhopal beat Jodhpore by 11 goals to 1, and 11th Cavalry defeated the Viceroy's Staff by 10 goals to 5.

Entangler by Levanger out of Entanglement, who was formerly the property of Mr. J. H. Locke, for whom he won races here, is doing very well in South Africa this winter, and among his successes have been several good class handicaps.

W. Parvin, who has been riding in great form during the present National Hunt season, was seen at his best when getting Truthful James and Ormada home at Leicester yesterday. These victories enabled Parvin to head the list of cross-country jockeys.

Le Jockey states that during his recent visit to Chantilly Donoghue purchased seven two-year-olds from M. Eknayan, and is sending them to G. Bartholomew to be trained. Our Paris contemporary, however, does not state on whose behalf Donoghue made the purchases.

Mr. M. D. Blair's colt, Great Span, was so badly struck into during the race for the Kilby Hurdle at Leicester yesterday that it is doubtful if this four-year-old will be able to meet his engagements for a considerable time. He was going well at the time of the accident.

Jockeys engagements at Leicester to-day:—Syston Hurdle—Owen (W. Smyth), Blacking (J. Anthony). Moderate Hurdle—Uncertain (H. Smallpiece), Fair Lass (G. Goswell). Belgrave Hurdle—Tower Hill (A. Smyth), Carthage (Duller), Gilded Spurs (Foster). Worksop Steeplechase—Prosperitz (V. Piggott). Spring Steeplechase—Fly Mask (Doyle), Royal Chancellor (G. Goswell), Vive (J. Anthony), Denikin (Brookes), Colestown (Owner).

WARD UNION HUNT STEEPLECHASES,

OVER THE FAIRYHOUSE COURSE,
EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 13th.

The following Races CLOSE on TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), FEBRUARY 25th:—

FAIRYHOUSE PLATE of 100 sovs. Weight for age. Entrance 1 sov. Two miles and a quarter.

PERCY MAYNARD MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP, value 100 sovs., with 150 sovs. added. A Farmers' Race for horses not thoroughbred the property of farmers in the Hunt District. Weight for age. Entrance free. "Qualified Riders." About three miles.

DUNBOYNE PLATE of 200 sovs. A handicap steeplechase. Entrance 1 sov. Two miles and a quarter.

THE KING'S CUP, Value 100 guineas, and 100 sovs. added by the Fund. A Hunters' Race. For five years old and upwards. Weight for age. "Qualified Riders." Entrance 1 sov. Distance—Three miles.

FREE CARRIAGE OF HORSES AND ONE ATTENDANT.

—(Advt.)

LINCOLNSHIRE

25 All Green	50 Gen. Post	20 Mignault
50 Arausio	20 Golden Hope	33 Page Three
100 Arganthe	14 Grand Joy	50 Pandarus
25 Argeis	25 Grave Fairy	25 Pando
25 Beresford	25 Great Barrier	16 Parth
25 Black Prince	33 Helsby	20 Sienet
20 Brimstone	33 Hurrybelle	33 Spun
20 Browside	50 Insight II.	33 Sunny Rose
100 Celebrate	25 Irish Eagle	20 Tapin
20 Clonespoe	25 Jarvis	20 Torlonia
40 Condover	33 Karl	33 Tranquillette
40 Crimson Dawn	33 King Willow	50 Waygood
25 Darragh	40 Li-Kwang	33 Westmead
20 Dinkie	40 L.S.D.	50 Wykeham
50 Donaslon	33 M'm'selle M.	50 You You
33 D'Orsay	100 Mardi Gras	

GRAND NATIONAL

25 Alcazar	25 Gerey	20 Bathory
50 All White	25 His Luck	33 Royal C'celler
40 Ammonal	100 James Pigg	20 Ruddy Glow
33 Ardeen	33 Keep Cool	50 Sergt. Murphy
50 Arravale	25 L'Aiglon	20 Silvo
4 Ballinode	50 Madrigal	100 Soldier Hill
100 Ballinavalley	50 Mainsail	25 Sprig
25 Ben Cruchan	25 Max	25 Super Man
33 Ballymacrory	50 Misconduct	50 Taffytus
100 Colestown	25 Music Hall	100 The Blacks
10 Conjuror II.	40 Old Tay Bdg	50 Thrown In
25 Double Chance	50 Patsy V.	100 Tullyvost
25 Drifter	33 Peacoed	100 Upper Rathdaff
25 Fureka II.	33 Peter Piper	50 White Surrey
10 Fly Mask	100 Prudhomme	20 Winnall
50 Garden Bath	33 Punt Gun	

NO LIMIT FOR DOUBLE EVENTS.
1/3rd Odds Places. 1/9th Odds Doubles.

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LEICESTER RESULTS.

1.30—WISTOW SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. C. R. Burkill's br. g. BUFFOON, by Black Jester—San Angel, a, 11-6 ...... M. Phelan 1
Mr. G. P. Perry's REGICLES, a, 11-8 H. Graves 2
Mr. C. Neville's HERE'S HOPING, 6, 10-10 R. Lyall 3

Also ran—Munster's Pride (J. Anthony), Duffer (K. Piggott) Poor Tom (Owner), Arvakur (Stanbridge), Ace of Diamonds (J. Shedden), Jack Sheppard (Owner). Off 1.33. (Winner trained by Newey.)

Betting—"Sporting Life."—5 to 2 agst. Regicles, 4 to 1 Poor Tom, 5 to 1 BUFFOON, 11 to 2 Here's Hoping, 6 to 1 Munster's Pride, 10 to 1 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle."—9 to 4 agst. Regicles, 9 to 2 each BUFFOON and Poor Tom, 5 to 1 each Here's Hoping and Munster's Pride, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; three lengths. Arvakur was fourth and Duffer last.

The winner was purchased by Mr. J. C. Bartholomew for 160 guineas.

2.0—KILBY HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Second 15 sovs., third 10 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. C. C. Lee-Milne's ch. c. TRUTHFUL JAMES, by Call o' the Wild—Bundle of Fun, 4, 10-0 ...... W. Parvin 1
Mr. A. J. Ash's HURRY BELLE, 4, 9-9 R. Peakman 2
Mr. W. J. Rimell's JEANSGEE, 5, 10-10 W. Stott 3

Also ran—Noir (G. Calder), Chieftainess (R. Lyall), Canova (J. Anthony), Great Span (E. Foster), Ballast (F. Mason), Piccolo Pin (R. Burford), Bridge of Cahir (J. Goswell), Solar Eclipse (W. Smyth). Off 2.1. (Winner trained by Powell.)

Betting—"Sporting Life."—6 to 5 agst. Hurrybelle, 7 to 2 Solar Eclipse, 9 to 2 Noir, 10 to 1 Great Span, 100 to 8 TRUTHFUL JAMES or any other.

"Sporting Chronicle."—Evens Hurrybelle, 4 to 1 Solar Eclipse, 9 to 2 Noir, 10 to 1 TRUTHFUL JAMES or any other.

Won by a length and a half; two lengths. Solar Eclipse was fourth and Chieftainess last.

2.30—LEICESTERSHIRE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 300 sovs. Second 30 sovs., third 15 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. C. C. Lee-Milne's ch. c. ORMADA, by Nonmere—Mode, 4, 11-13 ...... W. Parvin 1
Mr. J. L. Dugdale's SYRIAN, 4, 10-4 ... A. Escott 2
Lord Londesborough's ARGO, 6, 12-4 Mr. H. Brown 3
Mr. W. Whitehead's Halberdier, a, 12-7 W. Gurney 0
Mr. Barnett's Furious, a, 11-11 ...... H. Graves 0
Mr. H. Collins's Perahara, 5, 11-4 ... G. Duller 0
Mr. H. Harrison's Merrily, 6, 11-1 ... J. Goswell 0
Mr. H. C. Miller's Desert Rose, 6, 10-5 H. Haddrell 0
Mr. W. Green's Celtic Mist, a, 10-0 ... E. Sully 0

Off 2.34. (Winner trained by Powell.)

Betting—"Sporting Life."—3 to 1 agst. Syrian, 11 to 4 Perahara, 4 to 1 ORMADA, 10 to 1 Halberdier, 100 to 8 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle."—3 to 1 agst. Syrian, 11 to 4 Perahara, 4 to 1 ORMADA, 10 to 1 Halberdier, 100 to 8 any other.

Perahara cut out the work from Celtic Mist, Desert Rose, Syrian, Ormada, and Argo, with Furious, who sulked at the post, a long way last. After going a mile Celtic Mist joined Perahara, but the pair were beaten entering the straight, and Desert Rose weakening three hurdles from home, Ormada dashed into the lead, pursued by Syrian, and won in a canter by six lengths; three lengths separated second and third. Desert Rose was fourth, Halberdier fifth, Celtic Mist sixth, and Perahara last.

3.0—STONYGATE SELLING STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Second 10 sovs. 3 m. 50 yards.
Major D. Campbell's b. g. GREENOGUE, by Outbreak—Policy, a, 11-13 ...... G. Goswell 1
Major H. Eves's CULPRIT, a, 11-8 F. Brookes 2
Mr. G. Sale's THE MIGHTY ATOM, a, 11-3 Capt. Lage 3

Also ran—The Coiner (J. Hogan), Cupid's Dart (J. McNeill), Heathencote (W. Gurney). Off 3.3. (Winner trained by Lord Westmorland.)

Betting—"Sporting Life"—3 to 4 agst. Culprit, 2 to 1 GREENOGUE, 6 to 1 Heathencote, 8 to 1 Cupid's Dart, 10 to 1 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle"—5 to 4 agst. Culprit, 2 to 1 GREENOGUE, 7 to 1 Heathencote, 8 to 1 Cupid's Dart, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by eight lengths; a bad third. Heathencote was last.

The winner was sold to Mrs. Rose for 250 guineas.

3.30—BLABY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Second 20 sovs., third 20 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. W. H. Smith's br. h. SCOTTISH ARCHER, by Sir Archibald—Scotch Broom, a, 11-6 A. Wander 1
Col. G. Paynter's KORSUKAN, a, 11-4 J. Hogan 2
Mr. H. Beeby's TIME ENOUGH, a, 11-8 W. Loss 3

Also ran—Already (J. Mahoney, jun.), Indian Gypsy (Owner), General Advance (W. Stott), Don (R. Burford), Mount Rivers (F. Brookes), Landrock (E. Foster). Off 3.33. (Winner trained by Peacock.)

Betting—"Sporting Life"—5 to 2 each agst. SCOTTISH ARCHER and General Advance, 6 to 1 each Korsukan, Time Enough, and Landrock, 10 to 1 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle"—5 to 2 agst SCOTTISH ARCHER, 11 to 4 General Advance, 6 to 1 each Time Enough and Landrock, 8 to 1 Korsukan, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by two lengths; same. Indian Gypsy was fourth and Already last.

4.0—MELTON STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Second receives 10 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. F. Lambert's ch. g. ELSON, by Shogun—Hispeth, a, 11-13 ...... R. Trudgill 1
Mr. H. Rich's KILMORAL, a, 11-3 ... Mr. West 2
Mr. F. W. Parnell's WHITE SPLASH, 5, 11-1 F. Brookes 3

Also ran—Tyrolean (Mr. Pearce), Rome (J. Mahoney, sen.), Scurry Hill (Mr. F. Dennis), Little Major (Mr. G. Calder), Jump for Joy (W. Brown), John W. (Mr. O'Brien), Grange Lane (E. Foster). Off 4.2. (Winner trained by Rimell.)

Betting—"Sporting Life"—6 to 4 agst. Jump for Joy, 9 to 2 ELSON, 5 to 1 Tyrolean, 11 to 2 White Splash, 10 to 1 any other.

"Sporting Chronicle"—6 to 4 agst. Jump for Joy, 9 to 2 ELSON, 6 to 1 Tyrolean, 7 to 1 White Splash, 10 to 1 any other.

Won by ten lengths; five lengths. Tyrolean was fourth and Rome last.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

The chief event in to-day's programme is the Spring Steeplechase. The writer's opinion is not in strict accord with those who consider the weight which Fly Mask is set to shoulder an impossible one when compared with the respective assessments of two or three others in the race. At Manchester a fortnight since Fly Mask (E. Doyle) was opposing several comparatively moderate animals at weight-for-age when winning was merely a question of his standing up. To-day's affair is a different proposition altogether, but he will be a difficult opponent to overcome. Black Abbott had the advantage of Vaulx (who has been struck out) when running at Nottingham, and kept Ruddyglow (gave 15lb.) on the stretch at Birmingham last week. Royal Chancellor will be picking up his best jumping form shortly. Like his stable, he is at present out of luck and has taken to falling. Of the others I entertain some fancy for Vive, who was not made favourite for the Grand Allies' Steeplechase without some reason. I shall leave the issue to Fly Mask, Royal Chancellor and Vive, and the fine stamina that the first-named is known to possess may get him first past the post. Selections:—

Syston Hurdle—**Pomminetta**; if absent, **Smoke Screen.**
Moderate Hurdle—**Young Man's Fancy.**
Belgrave Stayers' Hurdle—**The Jester.**
Worksop Steeplechase—**Prosperitz.***
Spring Steeplechase—**Fly Mask.**
Foxhunters' Steeplechase—**Foxfoot.**
DOUBLE—**Prosperitz and Fly Mask.**

1.30—SYSTON SELLING HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 2 m.

	Age st. lb.
MARCANDO (Mr. J. Mosely) Chamberlin	6 11 7
OWEN (Mrs. M. A. Lisle) ...... Smyth	6 11 7
BLACKING (Mr. M. H. Savill) ... Savill	a 11 3
GORGONIUS (Mr. T. Tagg) ...... Tagg	a 11 3
(The above have arrived.)	
JACKSDALE (Mr. W. Black) ...... Bissill	a 11 7
MOONBEAM (Mr. G. Elliott) ...... Sutcliffe	a 11 7
BLUE BRIDGE (Major S. J. Green) McDougall	a 11 7
LANDMAN (Mr. C. M. Hennessey) McKenna	a 11 7
BARCEDO (Mr. J. Holmes) ... D. Harrison	a 11 7
COURT BLEDDYN (Mr. T. F. Hooley) Orbell	a 11 7
GLANTRAGUE (Mrs. Lily McLaughlin) Vasey	6 11 7

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33 Black Prince	33 Helsby	100 Sigeia
20 Brimstone	33 Hurrybelle	20 Sienet
20 Browside	200 Insight II.	40 Stonehope
200 Carryduff	28 Irish Eagle	33 Sunny Rose
200 Celebrate	25 Jarvis	25 Tapin
40 Clonespoe	33 Karl	100 Torchbearer
50 Condover	33 King Willow	25 Torlonia
50 Crimson Dawn	40 Li-Kwang	33 Tranquillette
25 Darragh	50 L.S.D.	50 Waygood
33 Dinkie	33 M'm'selle M.	33 Westmead
50 Donaslon	200 Mardi Gras	50 Wykeham
66 D'Orsay	20 Mignault	50 You You
11 Grand Joy		

GRAND NATIONAL.

40 Alcazar	66 Gardenbath	100 Prudhomme
50 All White	33 Gerey	50 Punt Gun
66 Ammonal	50 Gracious Gift	20 Bathory
33 Ardeen		100 Ronsham
40 Arravale	50 His Luck	50 Rl. Chancellor
14 Ballinode	50 Jack Horner	20 Ruddy Glow
100 Ballinavalley	200 James Pigg	50 Sergt. Murphy
66 Ballymacrory	200 John V.	20 Silvo
25 Ben Cruchan	33 Keep Cool	100 Soldier Hill
100 Colestown	33 L'Aiglon	33 Sprig
12 Conjuror II.	66 Madrigal	33 Super Man
200 Crystical	66 Mainsail	66 Taffytus
25 Double Chance	25 Max	100 The Blacks
25 Drifter	50 Misconduct	50 Thrown In
50 Duke's Walk	33 Music Hall	200 Tullyvost
100 Dwarf of Forest	[illegible]	50 Upr. Rathduff
25 Fureka II.	[illegible]	66 White Surrey
10 Fly Mask	33 Peter Piper	33 Winnall

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NO LIMIT FOR DOUBLE EVENTS.

The above prices are GUARANTEED for all Commissions legibly [illegible] to-day [illegible] there has been an exceptional run on any horse, in which case the next best price obtainable will be booked. Commissions are on no account to be postponed.

"CIVILITY" ATTENDS THE PRINCIPAL IRISH MEETINGS IN THE RING.

	Age st. lb.
DUNDONALD (Mr. L. Oppenheim) Barthropp	a 11 7
SMOKE SCREEN (Mr. W. Payne) W. Payne	6 11 7
RUNG HO (Lt. Wavertree) ... Ferguson	6 11 7
TROIKA (Mrs. C. Stevens) ... C. Stevens	6 11 7
PAGE (Mr. J. Bayliss) ...... Shedden	a 11 3
CASHLIE (Sir Ernest Wills) ... De Winton	a 11 3
RED HUGH (Mr. Hall) ...... Hall	a 11 3
IVYMOUNT (Sir Malcolm McAlpine) G. Poole	5 10 13
ROCK STALK (Mr. W. F. Ransom) Ransom	5 10 13
THE ROOKY (Mr. Stanley) ...... Stanley	5 10 13
VANISHING LADY (Mr. D. Blair) Private	4 10 3
POMMINNETTA (Mr. A. E. Aston) L. Doyle	4 10 3
PHIT (Mrs. K. Cecil-Wright) ...... Bunn	4 10 3

2.0—MODERATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. For horses that have not won a hurdle race value 150 sovs. to closing (selling races excepted). 2 m.

	Age st. lb.
NOIR (Lady Sir Wernher) ... Wetherill	5 12 4
WEE LADDIE (Capt. H. C. Davey) Goby	6 11 9
MUNSTER'S PRIDE (Mr. L. Cuppett) Barthropp	a 11 8
MAGIC FLOWER (Mr. A. Braithwaite) Vasey	5 11 6
UNCERTAIN (Mr. T. A. Eaton) ... Smyth	5 11 5
BELGIAN BOY (Mr. L. Oppenheim) Barthropp	6 10 13
NICATOR (Mr. M. B. Savill) ...... Savill	5 10 10
(The above have arrived.)	
PRINCE REGENT (Mr. H. Smyth) Smyth	a 12 7
ISLE OF WIGHT (Major H. Eyre) W. Payne	6 12 7
TOMMY LONG (Mr. T. Greenwood) Alden	6 12 5
PLAYFUL'S SISTER (Mr. Boyes Barrow) Private	a 12 4
WOOLLEY BRIDGE (Mr. H. Rhodes) Craddock	6 12 3
WALTHAM ABBEY (Mrs. M. Bailey) Saxby	6 12 0
SETANTA (Mr. T. Davidson) ... Hastings	6 11 13
BIBLOS (Mr. R. S. Challenor) ... Gilbert	6 11 13
GABRIELLE (Mr. J. W. Harris) G. Poole	5 11 12
FORTUNE (Mr. H. Cope) ...... Shedden	5 11 10
DOUBLE DAHLIA (Mr. Hitchcock) H. Turner	6 11 10
MOSELEY (Mr. F. Phillips) ...... Phillips	6 11 9
MILTON (Mrs. W. S. Power) ...... Luby	4 11 9
YOUNG MAN'S FANCY (Mr. C. Green) C. Piggott	5 11 7
IRISH PRINCE (Maj. D. Campbell) Westmorland	a 11 5
ROSEMARY (Mr. W. Webster) McKenna	a 11 5
ARMOUTH (Mr. Gilbert Johnstone) E. Piggott	5 11 5
TRUSTY (Mr. F. N. Auld) ...... Newey	5 11 4
ALOPEX (Mr. J. Hutton) ...... G. Poole	5 11 3
DRINKMORE (Mrs. Hobart) ... Hastings	6 11 0
MONTAGUE (Mr. R. Day) ...... A. Waugh	6 11 0
CLARORIE (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton	4 10 13
ZEUS (Mr. A. Anderson) ...... J. Renwick	4 10 12
DOUBLEE (Mr. R. C. Atkinson) Reader	6 10 11
MACOR (Mr. A. H. Groves) ...... Private	4 10 11
COUNTER PROPOSITION (Mrs. C. Stevens) ...... C. Stevens	4 10 10
BRESTON (Lord Wavertree) ... Fergusson	4 10 7
DUNCOMB (Mr. H. Beeby) ...... Beeby	5 10 5
FAIR LASS (Mr. Keith Fraser) ... Fraser	4 10 5
FLAITH MOR (Mr. H. J. Brunton) C. Piggott	4 10 3
ORGANIST (Mr. John Hoyle) ... Reader	4 10 3
EDWIN (Mr. J. Bayliss) ...... T. Leader	4 10 1

2.30—BELGRAVE STAYERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Second receives 15 sovs., third 10 sovs. 3 m.

	Age st. lb.
TOWER HILL (Mr. G. F. Waller) Smyth	a 11 13
CARTHAGE (Mr. G. Duller) ...... Duller	6 11 8
KING OF TROY (Mr. John Scott) Thomson	a 11 6
MASTER GRIS (Col. G. Paynter) Chadwick	a 11 3
PIVOTAL (Brig.-Gen. J. Bolton) J. Renwick	a 11 2
PICTINA (Mr. H. Paget) ...... Philip	5 10 5
(The above have arrived.)	
CHIN CHIN (Sir F. Price) ...... Gilbert	a 12 7
HERNE THE HUNTER (Maj. H. A. Wernher) ...... Wetherill	6 12 6
SCAPIN (Mr. A. Bonjali) ...... J. T. Dodd	6 12 2
GINGER XI. (Mr. J. Spittle) ... Spittle	a 12 0
PANTAGRUEL II. (Mr. J. W. Colt) Craven	6 12 0
ASSAROE (Mr. S. Howard) ...... Newey	a 11 13
PREMIUM BOND (Mrs. J. Orbell) Orbell	a 11 11
DARK DAVID (Mr. C. M. Hennessy) McKenna	5 11 11
PABULUM (Mr. S. Barrett) ...... Bullock	a 11 11
THE JESTER (Mr. T. F. Hooley) Orbell	a 11 10
MOONBEAM (Mr. G. Elliott) ... Sutcliffe	a 11 9
BAALBAK (Mr. H. Mollekin) ...... Vasey	a 11 9
SIMON'S GLORY (Mr. G. Reed) R. Payne	a 11 9
LINDHOLM (Mr. J. C. Mackay) Hutchens	5 11 9
WISE FOLLY (Mr. J. Hassan) T. Leader	a 11 6
TUSCAN (Miss A. A. Tyler) ...... Larkin	a 11 6
MUS (Mr. H. T. Creighton) ...... Bullock	a 11 6
ANIMATED (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton	5 11 4
GILDED SPURS (Mr. S. Moore) Private	a 11 3
CHICOT (Mr. G. T. Unwin) ... Smallwood	a 11 1
LADY CHARITY (Mr. M. Dollar) W. Payne	a 11 0
PERICO (Mrs. C. Stevens) ... C. Stevens	a 11 0
MAY-EVE (Mr. F. Parnell) ... R. Payne	5 11 0
FRUSCINO (Mr. W. Paul) ...... Sanday	a 10 13
TIN HAT (Mr. P. H. Grosvenor) Saxby	a 10 4
GRACIOUS LADY (Mrs. M. H. Douglas) Private	a 10 0

3.0—WORKSOP SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. Second receives 10 sovs. Winner to be sold for £250. 2 m.

	Age st. lb.
HEATHENCOTE (Mr. W. Parrish) R. Payne	a 11 6
STRIKE BEARER (Mr. F. C. Burroughs) ...... Burroughs	a 11 6
MRS. DRUMMOND (Lord Grimthorpe) Palmer	a 11 1
(The above have arrived.)	
HEYSKIL (Mr. G. T. Unwin) ... Smallwood	a 12 5
ST. ENDAS (Miss O. R. Black) ...... Stanley	a 12 5
KIRKWOOD (Mr. G. Caldwell) ... Gilbert	a 12 5
GLENGARRY II. (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown	a 12 5
BACHELOR'S GRAB (Mr. Lawson) Private	a 11 13
HELMET (Mr. M. B. Sanderland) S. Bennet	a 11 9
ROYAL TOY (Mrs. Sanday) ...... Sanday	a 11 8
OUR QUEEN (Mr. J. A. Gibson) Rooney	a 11 5
FLUSHED (Lt.-Col. R. C. M. Phillips) R. Payne	a 11 4
OLIVER III. (Mr. H. Beeby) ... Beeby	a 11 4
PROSPERITZ (5th. ex.) (Mr. J. S. Counsell) ...... R. Piggott	a 11 1
BALLYHERN (Mr. R. Osborn) F. Lyall	a 11 0
WOODSIDE LAD (Mr. W. C. Hall) Hall	a 11 0
MAY FLY (Capt. T. McDougal) McDougal	a 10 13
TURBIT (Mrs. N. S. Gritt) ...... Gilbert	a 10 13
FINANCIER (Mr. J. Hutton) G. Poole	a 10 13
EQUANCOURT (Mr. D. Harrison) D. Harrison	a 10 13
THE SAINT IV. (Mr. B. Warner) Bletsoe	a 10 2

3.30—SPRING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 500 sovs. Second receives 50 sovs. and third 25 sovs. 3 m. 50 yds.

	Age st. lb.
FLY MASK (Mr. T. K. Laidlaw) Coulthwaite	a 12 7
VIVE (Col. J. H. Starkey) ... Hastings	a 11 5
COLESTOWN (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne	a 11 1
(The above have arrived.)	
HAIRPIN II. (Mr. G. P. Sanday) Sanday	a 12 3
MUSIC HALL (Mr. H. Kershaw) Anthony	a 11 12
ARRAVALE (Mr. C. R. Baron) O. Armstrong	a 11 12
ROYAL CHANCELLOR (Lord Westmorland) ...... Westmorland	a 11 9
DENIKIN (Mr. H. Hollins) ... W. Payne	a 11 8
RALPH FLAMBARD (Capt. J. E. Rogerson) ...... J. Renwick	5 10 10
BLACK ABBOTT (Mr. H. Deterding) R. Payne	a 10 6
FAR FLIGHT (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown	a 10 3

4.0—LEICESTERSHIRE FOXHUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. Second receives 20 sovs., third 10 sovs. 12 st. each. 3 m. 50 yds.

	Age st. lb.
UPTON LAD (Mr. J. C. Paterson) Paterson	a 13 0
FOXFOOT (Mr. T. K. Laidlaw) Coulthwaite	a 13 7
LITTLE MAJOR (Major H. A. Wernher) Wetherill	6 11 7
(The above have arrived.)	
JONQUIL (Mr. A. Boutall, jun.) J. Lyall	a 13 0
RUDDYGLOW (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) H. A. Brown	a 13 0
MISCONDUCT (Major D. M. Methven) Powell	a 13 0
COPPER (Mr. C. A. Ringwood) ... Lewell	a 13 0
BRUTUS III. (Mr. C. P. Sanday) Sanday	a 13 0
UPPER RATHDUFF (Mr. C. Taylor) Coulthwaite	a 13 0
SQUARE DANCE (Mr. J. Graeme Thomson) ...... F. A. Brown	a 13 0
PENGUIN (Mr. F. G. Prece) ...... Prece	a 13 0
L'AIGLON II (Mr. T. Cholmondeley) Coulthwaite	a 13 7
JOLLY GLAD (Mr. E. B. Forwood) Private	a 13 7
JACK HORNER (Mr. K. Mackay) W. Payne	a 13 7
FAR FLIGHT (Mr. H. A. Brown) H. A. Brown	a 11 7
GOLDEN HARP (Mrs. M. A. Busby) Private	a 11 7
NASH (Mr. H. Adamthwaite) Private	a 11 7
FUNTINGTON (Maj. T. F. Cavanagh) Private	a 11 7
STEPASIDE BOY (Mr. T. A. Fairhurst) Private	a 11 7
EYE WITNESS (Mr. E. Forwood) Private	a 11 7
SALTUS (Mr. H. T. Mills) ...... Private	a 11 7
PUSS IN BOOTS (Mr. F. W. Nickalls) Private	a 11 7
CASTLEROBIN (Wing-Commander W. R. Read) ...... Private	a 11 7
BARLEY CORN II. (Mr. R. Paget) Private	a 11 7
TOOT TOOT (Mr. H. T. Hincks) J. Lyall	a 11 7
RED BEE (Major H. A. Wernher) Wetherill	a 11 7
GLEN EDDIE (Major L. B. Holliday) Private	a 11 7
HELIX (Major A. W. Huntington) Withington	a 11 7
BOTANIST (Mr. H. J. Joel) ...... Barrett	5 11 7
CAMPANOLOGIST (Mr. W. F. Ransom) Ransom	6 11 0

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Epsom Derby and Doncaster St. Leger—Sea Surf gelding, at 11.30 a.m. yesterday.

Grand Annual Steeplechase, National Hunt meeting—Jargoon.

Bray Hurdle, Hawthorn Hill, Amateurs' Hurdle, Newbury, and Four Years Old Hurdle, Gatwick—Exclamation.

Four Years Old Hurdle, Gatwick—Herbert's Choice.

February Hurdle Race, Newbury—Mah Jongg.

Pershore Hunters' Steeplechase, Pershore—Miss Miriam and Tom M.P. II.

Waphill Steeplechase, Newbury—Top Light.

All engagements in Mr. T. F. Ryan's name—Western Star.

All engagements in Sir George Murray's name—Klondyke.

All engagements in Mr. D. Sullivan's name—MacCarthy More.

All engagements in Lord Barnby's name—Agility.

All engagements in Colonel Lumbrer's name—Alpine Flight, Glenarmint, and Rosalind colt (two years).

All engagements in Duke of Westminster's name—Hurry Off, Erehwemos, Alderney, Tabernacle.

All published Hurdle Handicaps—Crock Hill.

All published Handicaps—Dundonald.

Leicester and Newbury engagements—Vaulx.

Newbury engagements—Reclaimed.

Gatwick engagements—Warrain.

All engagements under N.H. Rules—Ardent's Pride.

All engagements—McGilligan's Daughter, Garden of Allah, Chosroes, Golden Emblem (dead), Pamfylia, Adrace, Hesperis, Lamont.

POINT-TO-POINT.

NORTH KILDARE HARRIERS.

The venue for the North Kildare Harrier Hunt Sportsman's Races was laid at Windgates, and, favoured by seasonable weather, an enormous crowd yesterday enjoyed an excellent day's sport. From Windgates a fine view of the surrounding country is obtainable, when the atmosphere is clear and the light good, as it was yesterday, and with large-sized fields in each of the half-dozen events the supporters of the hunt and the sportsmen of the district and the adjoining counties who attended in such numbers spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon. The course rode very heavy, as was to be expected and spills were frequent, but there was no serious mishap.

Well ridden by his owner, Captain Cecil Hames The Reefer achieved an easy victory in the Hunt Race, in which grief was fairly plentiful. Alannah coming down at the fourth fence. Blackamoor at the next, and Joseph a little further on. Winter Night was thus able to take a long lead, but about half a mile from home The Reefer caught up with the leader, and challenging Alannah, which had been remounted and met in the head of affairs [illegible] Captain Hames' mount came on to score very comfortably from Mr. Balding's mare. In the Light Weight Open Race were Berryhill, the winner of the Kildare Hunt Cup at Punchestown last April, and that well-known performer between the flags Clareena. The pair were always well ahead of the field; but Berryhill led practically all the way, and had no difficulty in beating Thistle-Tougat and Clareena at bay. The pair [illegible] out a capital finish for second place, in which Thistle-Tougat prevailed. Miss A. Murdoch on The Bird sprung a surprise in the Bracelet Stakes, for which the Hon. Mrs. White's mare was not much fancied. As a matter of fact, it was expected that Jim Mooney, despite his impost of 13st. 5lb., would prove equal to the task, but he came down at the road half a mile out when leading The Bird, which then came on to make the remainder of the running.

In the Heavy-Weight Open Race, Mrs. Jiggs, coming to the second last fence, made a mistake, and was overhauled by Auld Lang Syne; but the latter also lost ground at the final obstacle, and Mrs. Jiggs regained the lead to gain the final rather easily. The Farmers' Race was won by the little fancied Debutante after a fine set-to with Glory [illegible].

HUNT RACE—Weight—12st. About three miles.
Capt. Hames's b. g. THE REEFER, by Charles Edward, d. by The Bawn, 6 yrs. ...... Owner 1
Mr. A. Balding's ALANNAH, 7 yrs. Mr. C. Balding 2
Mr. L. P. Ball's WINTER NIGHT, 7 yrs. Mr. R. Ball 3

Also ran—Mr. J. North-Bamford's Starlight, aged (Owner); Mr. A. R. Kinahan's Melody Maid, 7 yrs. (Owner); Mrs. F. H. Brooke's Jawbone, 6 yrs. (Mr. D. Barton); Mr. J. W. Shackleton's Joseph, 8 yrs. (Owner); Capt. de Burgh's Blackamore, 6 yrs. (Owner).

Won by five lengths; three lengths. Starlight was fourth.

FARMERS' RACE, value £30. Second receives £5. Weights—12st. About three miles.
Mr. P. E. McKeever's br. m. DEBUTANTE, by Ben Alder—Innocency, 7 yrs. ...... Owner 1
Mr. T. H. W. McKeever's AUTUMN GLORY, 6 yrs. ...... Owner 2
Mr. M. Quinn's SILVERBOUND, a, 12-10 Mr. G. Greer 3

Also ran—Mr. John Farrell's Keith, 6 yrs. (Mr. J. E. Ryan), Mr. G. A. Barry's Tuppence, 7 yrs. (Owner); Mr. John Monahan's Copper Coin, 8 yrs. (Mr. D. Monahan); Mr. P. J. Coonan's Deborah, aged (Mr. E. Pelin); Mr. L. P. Ball's Mittie, 7 yrs. (Mr. P. Connolly); Mr. Michael Cox's Sandy II., 7 yrs. (Mr. R. J. Ball); Mr. P. Mangan's Black Bess (Mr. J. Mangan); Mr. M. Quinn's Hubert H., 6 yrs. (Mr. A. Goring).

Won by two lengths; four lengths.

LIGHT-WEIGHT OPEN RACE—Weights 12st. 7lb. About three miles.
Mr. Francis Colgan's b. g. BERRY HILL, by Grebe—Diona, a, 12-8 ...... Mr. L. T. Byrne 1
Mr. J. R. Ryan's THISTLE-TOUGAT, aged ...... Owner 2
Mr. T. O'Rourke's CLAREENA, aged ...... Owner 3

Also ran—Mr. J. M. Mathews' Centrepiece, aged (Mr. R. J. Ball); Mr. H. S. Persse's Grey Goblet, aged (Mr. G. F. Brooke); Mr. A. Balding's Street Singer, 6 yrs. (Mr. C. Balding); Mr. F. H. Clarke's Singing Water, aged (Mr. F. Clarke); Capt. de Burgh's H.B., 7 yrs. (Owner); Capt. [illegible] Binkiston-Houston's Jane, 7 yrs. (Owner); Major Mitchell's Little Clifter (Owner).

Won by four lengths; a length and a half. Street Singer was fourth.

BRACELET STAKES—To be ridden by ladies. Catch weights, over 11st. 7lb. About three miles.
Hon. Mrs. White's ch. m. THE BIRD ...... Miss A. Murdoch 1
Miss M. Drawn's b. m. SUN BABY, 5 yrs. Owner 2
Miss Wolfe's br. m. STAR OF HOPE, aged Owner 3

Also ran—Miss Ivy McVeagh's Jason, 6, 13-0 (Owner); Mrs. William Flanagan's Gortland, 6 yrs. (Miss Kennedy); Miss F. D. Lawlor's Vindictive, aged (Owner); Mrs. F. Hacket's Cate Marie (Owner); Miss Jim's sister, aged (Owner); Mrs. Evans Paul, aged (Miss C. Shackleton); Mrs. A. Wall's Jim Mooney, a, 13-5 (Owner).

Won by a distance; three lengths. Paul was fourth.

HEAVY-WEIGHT OPEN RACE—Weights 13st. 7lb. About three miles.
Mr. J. H. Wallace's br. m. MRS. JIGGS, by Vitka, d. by Kroonstad, 6 yrs. ...... Owner 1
Mr. T. L. Cosgrave's AULD LANG SYNE, 5 yrs. Mr. J. Walsh 2
Mr. P. D. Cullinan's WILD CAST, a, 14-0 Owner 3

Also ran—Mr. John Farrell's Farragher, 7 yrs. (Owner); Mr. H. S. Persse's Thunderbolt, aged (Owner); Col. the Baron de Robeck's Glenabo, aged (Mr. P. J. Osborne); Mr. Desmond Butler's Dashalong, aged (Mr. J. Nattall); Major R. J. Nettleton's Barney, aged (Owner); Mr. J. T. Rooney's Silver Stream II., a, 14-0 (Owner); Mr. J. Ryan's Brown Rail, aged (Mr. F. Boblett); Mr. M. Quinn's George, aged (Mr. A. Goring).

Won by five lengths; ten lengths. Silver Stream II. was fourth.

LONDON BETTING—YESTERDAY.

In the principal London offices yesterday all available at 100 to 8 was accepted about Grand Joy for the Lincolnshire Handicap, leaving 100 to 9 the best offer. Parth remained stationary on the 100 to 7 mark. There were a few inquiries for Torlonia, and 20 to 1 was accepted and again offered. Tapia was a saleable commodity at 25 to 1.

For the Grand National Silvo hardened, and no higher price than 100 to 12 was obtainable. Small wagers were laid against the remaining candidates quoted. Details:—

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

(Run Wednesday, March 25. Distance, one mile.)

100 to 9	Grand Joy (t. and o.)	Barling	4	7	1
100 to 7	Parth (t. and o.)	Crawford	5	9	6
20 to 1	Torlonia (t. and o.)	Lambton	5	7	9
25 to 1	Tapia (t. and o.)	Bartholomew	4	8	7

GRAND NATIONAL.

(Run Friday, March 27. About 4 m. 856 yds.)

100 to 12	Silvo (o., 9 to 1 t.)	Whitaker	9	12	7
10 to 1	Fly Mask (t. and o.)	Coulthwaite	11	11	11
100 to 8	Conjuror II. (t. and o.)	Hastings	13	11	7
20 to 1	Patsey V. (t. and o.)	Gore	13	10	12
25 to 1	Double Chance (t. and o.)	F. Archer	9	10	9
33 to 1	Peter the Piper (t. and o.)	Whitaker	13	10	0

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SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Hilton. Double—Hilton and Royal Chancellor.

Daily Express :—Safety bet—Prosperitz (each way). Double—Prosperitz and Royal Chancellor.

Daily Mirror :—Double—Blacking (nap) and Vive.

Daily Graphic :—Double — Owen and Prosperitz.

ATHLETICS.

COUNTY DUBLIN BOARD.

The annual congress of the County Dublin Board of the National Athletic and Cycling Association was held last evening at 5 College street, under the chairmanship of Mr. P. Lynch, K.C. There was a very large attendance of delegates, the following affiliated clubs being represented:—Landrum A.C., Dublin University Harriers and A.C., St. Lawrence A.C., Clonliffe Harriers, City and Suburban Harriers, Castleville Harriers, Kevin A.C., St. James's Gate Harriers, Pembroke A.C., Harp C. and A.C., Irish Road Club, Dublin City Harriers, G.S. and W. Railway A.C., Donore Harriers, and Mickham A.C.

The second annual report of the Committee was presented by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. M. Finlay. It reviewed the activities of the Board during the year, and mentioned that during the year six clubs had affiliated, making a total of eighteen clubs. The number of athletes and cyclists registered with the Board amounted to 493. Reference was made to the efforts of the Board to induce the Commissioners of Public Works to provide facilities for athletic training in the Phoenix Park, and although it had to be confessed that these efforts had so far been unproductive of the desired result, the Board had every reason to hope that in the end they would be successful. The adoption of the report was moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. D. McAleese. The financial report was presented by Mr. R. B. Satchwell, and both were adopted.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted as follows:—President—Mr. H. M. Finlay. Vice-President—Mr. P. Lynch, K.C. Hon. Secretary—Mr. F. Tiernan (Dublin City Harriers). Hon. Treasurer—Mr. R. B. Satchwell. Hon. Auditors—Messrs. W. J. Fitz and D. Baird. Delegates to the annual convention—Messrs. P. Lynch, K.C.; H. M. Finlay, F. Tiernan, Dr. R. H. McKeag, D. Baird, J. Graham, and B. J. Donnelly.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. P. Lynch, K.C., in appreciation of his services rendered to the Board since its formation as its Chairman, a position from which he retired under the rules.

The date of the County Dublin Championships was fixed for Saturday, June 13th.

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HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

February.	Meet.	Hour.
Wednesday, 25th	Killarkin	1.30
Saturday, 28th	Palmerstown	1.30

THE KILDARE.

To-day	Sallins	11.30
Thursday, 26th	Kildangan	11.30
Saturday, 28th	Celbridge	11.30

THE MEATH.

To-day	Kilbride	11. 0
Thursday, 26th	Drumcoarath	11. 0
Friday, 27th	Cross Keys, Drumree	11. 0

BRAY HARRIERS.—To-morrow (Wednesday), 25th, Jumping Competition, Roundwood; Saturday, 28th, Powerscourt Arms, Calary. At 1.30 o'clock.

FINGAL HARRIERS.—To-day, Fieldstown Bridge; Friday, 27th, Springhill. At 12 o'clock.

THE WARD UNION.—Change of meet—Wednesday, February 25th, Killarkin, instead of Batterstown.

SOME GOOD RUNS—VII.

By an Ex-M.F.H.

"To-morrow, with Morrow, we'll hunt with the Wards."

I found myself repeating this refrain after Whyte-Melville until I became obsessed with the ambition of having a day with the Wards. Previously my riding, whilst in Dublin, was limited to a round of the Phoenix Park on horses of Lalouette's, with an occasional visit to a harrier meet with a young man with whom I struck up a friendship, Mr. Du Val, the entertainer. His posters were "Du(e) Val(ue)," which reminds me that I was on Hengler's free list, as I happened to be boarding in the same house when they came to do a six weeks season at the Rotunda. I imagine such a good performance as Hengler's would be as popular as ever now. And who could forget, who ever heard, a family of singers of Scotch airs, also at the Rotunda? I wish some reader of these notes could recall the name, but I know that soon after leaving Dublin they were caught in a fire at Nice and all lost their lives. I never hear these airs now, except in old music boxes. The Scotch airs are grander than our own.

However, I must not wander too far from the Wards. A friend of mine, then a junior counsel, Mr. J. B. Falconer, supplied the horse, and the eventful day arrived. The meet was at the Nine-Mile Stone, Ashbourne road, and on my ride out I fell in with Mr. Charles Allen, V.S., whose company, I am pleased to say, I was able to keep till we parted after the run. Mr. Allen was riding a grey mare that was quite celebrated. Only a short time before he had, on her, brought the Ward field to a standstill by jumping the iron gate off the road on to the railway at Batterstown Station, and off at the other side over a stone-faced bank with a hurdle on top; they can, I believe, yet be seen. And the Ward Unions were a hard-riding field, as they are to-day. At the same time Captain Charley Massey, of Grantstown, Tipperary, had also a beautiful grey mare, better-looking than Mr. Allen's; more than once he refused £500 for her.

Arrived at the meet, which was a large one, and included, besides Mr. Leonard Murrogh, Mr. T. Leonard, Mr. Tommy Tarbett, Mr. Joe Hone, and Mr. Matt Darcy. The enlargement took place at the Wooton, and we ran first through Fairyhouse, then Dunshaughlin and Culmullen, and I would hesitate to say how far more, as it would seem incredible. The wide dykes were claiming so many victims that, after an hour or so, we were a very diminished following, and I am proud to say my horse landed me safely in the ruins of Trim Castle, where the deer was taken. I do not remember the time, but it was a very long run, with pace well sustained all through. In fact, the horse I rode was about the greatest I ever knew. Mr. James Moriarty (brother of the late Lord Justice) had ridden him a hunt and had the same opinion. I would not call him the greatest hunter, because he pulled too much to be that; but he was a lion-hearted horse, made no mistake, and was the only puller I ever knew that did not tire. I think Mr. Allen left his mare out that night, but I rode back to Dublin. Anything looked good to me that day, but I have no doubt many of the dykes would look too wide and deep to-day.

A few seasons later Mr. T. Brindley instituted a race for hunters, to be run the day after Easter Monday (Fairyhouse day). It came off, and was a success, but it was the only one ever held. I was one of twenty-two starters. We jumped the first two fences of the racecourse, then ran out into a country selected for the event, and finished over the last two fences. That race was won by Aldavalloch, nothing to Roy's wife, but a horse bred by Mr. James Cleary, of Tipperary, and ridden by Treharne Holmes. Aldavalloch was by Rhiddoroch, the sire also of my mount. Mr. James Cleary was an excellent judge of a horse, and rode many good races. In later years he bred Eremon, the winner of the Liverpool Grand National in 1907. I could have bought Eremon at the price of a hunter, but I thought him too big and awkward—so much for my judgment! I think my friend, Mr. Cleary, sold him for about £200 to Mr. James Daly, who disposed of the horse to Mr. Howard, and not at a great profit, either. I have had many runs with the Wards since, but never so good as my first. Mr. Leonard Morrogh told me at Fairyhouse the day of the race I mentioned that he seldom saw so good. I am sure Mr. Allen could describe every bit of the journey.

While on the subject of racing, I must tell of an event at Cahir Park in 1878. I was riding a horse called Perfect in one of the events, and, as we were lining up near the starting place, the one and only bookmaker on the course came round to solicit business. He was a Mr. Furlong, and I think he combined a bit of writing for the newspapers with his bookmaking. At any rate, he was very well liked, and I think it must be a revelation to many of your readers that he had the meeting to himself; and Cahir was not an unimportant meeting. There were ten starters, and I fancied my mount very much—no one else did; so Mr. Furlong was glad to give me 10 to 1, or, to be accurate, £50 to £5. I won, and had a fine pic-nic that summer, running my horse at Norwood (Nenagh), Brookeville (Tipperary), Ennis, Miltown-Malbay, and other smaller meetings till the £50 was exhausted, and, except for point-to-points, I never had anything to do with racing since. Point-to-point meetings are now but little removed from regular course meetings, but it used not to be so, as witness the last inter-hunt contest we had at Charleville—six a side—and not only did none of the riders know the course: they didn't even know where it was to be until the late Mr. "Paddy" Ryan led us from Charleville to the start; and a really grand course it was, and most of the horses were very high-class. There are others still to the good who could tell of this event better than I can, and I hope they will.

Riding through Phoenix Park in the 'seventies we frequently used to meet that fine rider and sportsman, Mr. Allan McDonough, and we always gave him a salute by lifting our hats. There was, and is still, a glamour about the Liverpool Grand National that attaches to no other event, and this fine old gentleman had ridden in the first three Nationals—in '39, '40 and '41. I heard him say that there used to be then a formidable stone wall in front of the grand stand—probably where the water is now—and, though it never brought him down, the riders did not at all like it. A high wall is not a thing to race over either with a fresh horse or a tiring one. I understand that something of the kind also was at Punchestown, at the back of the stand. The course then went around the stand.

N.B.—I find the date of the Grace's to Barne hunt, referred to in my last article, was February, 1909; not the date mentioned.

FINGAL HARRIERS.

On Tuesday, 17th inst., hounds met at the 7th Milestone, Ashbourne road. A hare found in Mabestown gave a nice hunt, via Baytown, to the Newtown road, which we crossed; then wheeling to the left ran almost to The Wootton. Still bearing to the left, we re-crossed the Newtown road, into Baytown, and went straight to the Ashbourne road, which was kept on our left as far as the old coaching stables, and running back into Mabestown lost all trace of our hare. A short scurry from Irishtown into Mabestown followed. Next drew Ballymacarney, and, finding almost immediately, hounds went away very fast to Hollywoodrath House; then swinging to the left re-crossed Ballymacarney and ran over to Kilbride village, and crossed the road here into Captain Butler's lands. Circling right-handed, hounds ran over the hills of Kilbride, where we made a big circle, and re-crossing the Kilbride-Ashbourne road ran straight across Ballymacarney to Mr. Cannon's house; then right-handed to the Kilbride road, where scent failed. This finished a nice day's sport.

Our fixture for Friday, 20th, was changed to Annsbrook, Duleek, to hunt an outlying Ward deer which had been harboured in the locality for some time. The Rev. Father Murphy had our quarry located at Longford, and hounds being laid on immediately, we ran at a fast pace to the Slane road, and, crossing Downstown to Thomastown House, went through Garballagh to the River Nanny, where the stag ran down stream to Park View House. Then, leaving the water, he ran right-handed through Keenogue to Annsbrook, where he circled for some time and came back to the river. Hounds, however, drove him through Balscurran and on to Garballagh and back to Longford, where the pack got a view, and racing away almost to the village of Duleek our stag again took to the river under Mr. St. George Smith's house, where he was safely taken after a long, tiring hunt.

CARLOW HOUNDS.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

A cold north wind and fresh snow on the mountains greeted us on Saturday, when we met at Rathoe, and it did not look like a good hunting day, but it turned out all right, as we were to see. A large field jogged from Rathoe to Castlemore and were not kept waiting long beside the well-known gorse before a great looking fox broke, and sped for his life up to the old fox covert. He didn't dwell there long, however, and retraced his steps, running back through the gorse covert and over the avenue, setting his mask for Ardristan bog. Scent appeared only very moderate in Castlemore, but once over the Tullow road, hounds were able to settle down, and they ran very hard across Ardristan, leaving Mr. Kinsella's house at Upper Rathrush on the right, and going at the same pace through the heavily fenced and holding lands of Lower Rathrush, through Mr. Robert Keapple's farm, before swinging left-handed for Kilnock. Our fox must have been headed just before reaching the latter place, as he made a sharp right-handed turn through part of Tinnaclash, before crossing the wall into Kilnock and down to the gorse covert. No time here for a breather, as hounds were hardly in the covert before Captain Bruen was hallooing this good fox away across the river Burren (not too high to cross to-day, for a wonder). Keeping along the banks of the river, hounds ran very hard down to Killane cross, where our fox ran the road, which caused a check, and, on recovering the line, the pack were only able to hunt slowly across Kilmaglash, in the direction of Ballydarton. Here scent appeared to be failing altogether, and it looked any odds on this good fox remaining master of the situation. Mr. Grogan, however, persevered most determinately, and making a bold left-handed cast, beyond Terthorn House, soon had hounds going once more. Crossing the road to Ballaghmore cross, our fox was seen barely a field ahead of hounds, and catching a view, the pack fairly coursed him for nearly half a mile, streaming over the big banks down to Ullaid covert like a torrent let loose, and in the stream close to the covert fence at Ullaid this gallant fox met his end, after a grand fox-hunt of one hour and fifty-five minutes. The point from find to finish measures just 6½ miles. It was a great triumph on the part of our huntsman, and a well-deserved reward for hounds, who for the last two miles, before they viewed their fox, had to work out every yard of the line, which was all beautiful hound work.

BOXING.

BANTAM-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

BROWN DEFEATS CORBETT.

Harry Corbett (Hackney), who appeared at the National Sporting Club in London last night to oppose Johnny Brown (St. George's) for the Lonsdale Belt and the Bantam-weight Championship of Great Britain, only lasted 16 of the 20 rounds.

In the sixteenth round Brown staggered Corbett with a right swing, and, following his opponent round the ring, knocked him down with a left hook. Corbett rose after five seconds, but was almost out, clasping the knees of his opponent, and his seconds threw the towel into the ring in token of defeat.

Brown did all the leading in the opening rounds, but Corbett was very elusive, and cleverly evaded Brown's lefts.

Brown paid for impetuosity in the fourth and sixth rounds, and received two heavy blows, but at the half-distance he was well on his way to the retention of the Belt, for he had forced the fight throughout and led by a big margin on points.

Corbett was very disappointing throughout, and although his defensive work was sound enough, he had very little initiative, and only rarely was permitted to show his boxing as distinct from his fighting ability. He was twice floored in the fifteenth round, and the end came in the 16th, as already recorded.

BOY McCORMICK v. JACK PHŒNIX.

A fine programme has been arranged for the Mansion House to-morrow night, 25th, when "Boy" McCormick meets Jack Phœnix over ten 3-minute rounds. McCormick was born in Dublin twenty-five years ago. Emigrating to America, he quickly became famous for his courage and ability. Weighing only 12st. 7lb., he met the best heavy-weights in the States with credit. Phœnix realises the importance of this contest, and has undergone a severe preparation. He is now doing light road work from the Marine Hotel, Sutton, and reports fit and well. Kid Doyle (Dublin) meets Jim Harrison (Manchester) over ten rounds. Tommy Whiteside (Belfast) meets Bov Boltoe (Harwich) over a similar distance. Billy Doran, who knocked out Bob Magee (Belfast) on Saturday last, meets Jack O'Neill (Manchester) in a return ten-rounder. Jimmy O'Haire (Dublin) meets Mick Mahony (Cavan) over six rounds; also two minor bouts. This is one of the biggest programmes yet arranged for Dublin.

ASSOCIATION.

ENGLAND TEAM V. WALES.

At the Football Association offices, London, yesterday the following team was chosen to play for England against Wales at Swansea next Saturday:—

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Reserves to travel—Townrow (Clapton Orient) and Carter (West Bromwich Albion).

Referee—Mr. J. Cahill (Liverpool).

F.A. COUNCIL MEETING.

The Council of the Football Association met at Russell square yesterday, Mr. J. C. Clegg presiding, when the draw for the fourth round of the F.A. Cup was made, as follows:—

Cardiff City v. Hull City or Leicester City.
Southampton v. Liverpool.
Sheffield United v. West Bromwich Albion or Aston Villa.
Tottenham Hotspur or Blackburn Rovers v. West Ham United or Blackpool.

Ties to be played March 7th.

It was reported that the percentages from the F.A. Cup this season received by the Football Association were:—Final qualifying round, £301 13/11; first round, £3,098 15/8; second round, £2,499 14/4. Total £5,837 3/5, as compared with £5,389 16/4 from the corresponding rounds last year.

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The third round re-plays for to-morrow are:—
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ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION II.

	Goals.		Goals.
Sheffield Wednesday	1	Manchester United	1

ENGLISH LEAGUE—DIVISION III.

Accrington Stanley	6	Durham City	0

GAELIC GAMES.

THE MONAGHAN CONVENTION.

At the annual Convention of the Co. Monaghan G.A.A., held in Ballybay Courthouse on Sunday, the following motion from the Monaghan Club was carried by 13 votes to 11, and ordered to be sent to Congress for adoption:—"That no military players be allowed to compete in Championships or Leagues unless residents of the parish of the team before joining the Army."

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Irish Times	Pomminnetta; if ab., Smoke Screen.	Young Man's Fancy	The Jester.	Prosperitz.*	Fly Mask.	Foxfoot.
S. Life and Sportsman	Page.	Hilton.	Carthage.	Prosperitz.*	Fly Mask.	Brutus III.
Man on the Spot	Page.	Nicator.	King of Troy.	Prosperitz.*	Fly Mask.	Ruddy Glow.
Westminster Gazette	Pomminnetta.	Hilton.	King of Troy.	Glengarry II.	Royal Chancellor.	Toot Toot.
Daily News						
Daily Express	Smoke Screen; if ab., Page.	Isle of Wight; if ab., Hilton.	King of Troy.	Prosperitz.*	Royal Chancellor, next best.	Ruddy Glow; if ab., Jack Horner.
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Star	Smoke Screen.	Isle of Wight.	King of Troy.*	St. Endas.	Vive.	Jolly Glad.
Evening News	Rung Ho.	Young Man's Fancy.*	Fruscino.	Prosperitz.	Vive.*	L'Aiglon II.
Evening Standard	Page.	Hilton.	Premium Bond.	Prosperitz.	Vive.	L'Aiglon II.
Daily Mail	Smoke Screen.	Hilton.	King of Troy.	Prosperitz.	Vive.	L'Aiglon II.
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FINANCIAL NEWS AND ...

MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

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5% War Ln..(101⅜)	101⅛	Coats ...(64/9)	65/- 4/9
Conv. Loan..(79⅜)	79¼	Courtaulds ...(71/3)	82/3
Guar. Land....(57⅜)	57⅝		4½ /6 /7½ /3 /4½ 1/6 4½
Ir. Land ....(65)	65	Do. Pf.(19/4½)	19/3 /4½
India 3½% ....(69⅛)	69⅛	Cottons ......(64/9)	65/-
Bank of Ireland (294⅛)	295c 4c	B.A.T. ....(111/6)	*111/6 12/9
Hibernian ....(7⅛)	7⅛	Imp. Tob..(90/9)	91/- /3 /1½
National ....(20⅛)	20⅛	Do. Canada (27/7½)	27/10½
Provincial ......(22⅛)	*23	Goulding Ord. (56/10½)	48/6
Dublin Distillers (46/6)	46/6 6/- 5/9 5/-	Brunner Mond	41/3
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Do. Pref. ....(11⅛)	*12	Lever 7% ..(21/10½)	21/9
Marconi ....(32/9)	33/-	Burke Ord....(83/9)	83/9
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G.S. Ord. ....(34)	33⅛	Thom Ord.....(12/6)	12/6
Do. Pref. ....(48)	48	Irish-American Oil	*19/9 /10½
Do. Guar. ....(59)	59	Hibernian Fire..(4/6)	4/3
Dub. Tram..(6⅛)	6⅛ x.d.	Radio Common...(13)	13
Do. Pref...(9⅛)	9⅛ x.d.	Do. Pref......(10⅛)	10⅛
Provincial Deb...(8⅛)	8⅛		
Parent Ord....(19/3)	20/3		
Dunlops ......(11/7½)	11/- 10/10½		
Alliance Gas.....(7⅛)	7⅛		

* Odd lot. b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day	March 2	March 16
General contango day	March 3	March 17
Ticket day	March 4	March 18
Account day	March 5	March 19

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange opened the week in a quiet fashion. War Loan was unchanged at 101⅛, ⅛. Local Loans brought 67⅛; 3½ per cent. Conversion 79⅜. National War Bonds, 1927 and 1928, changed hands at 105⅜, and a small lot of 1929 at 105⅛. Belfast Corporation 3½ per cent. 1940 was done at 77⅜. In Banks, Northern A rose to 5⅛, closing sellers at that and buyers at 5⅜. Westminsters Partly Paid 19⅛. In Industrials, Belfast Ropeworks Ord. rose to 100. Brookfield Linen Co. Pref. brought 4; Coats Pref., 12⅛; Lever Bros. 7 per cent. Pref., 22s.; Brunner Monds, 41s. 7½d.; Dunlop Rubber, 10s. 11½d.; Shell Transports, 4⅛.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles show a firmer tone. Bradford Dyers are good. Bleachers, 66/6; do. Pref., 22/-/22/3; Calicos, 36/3-36/9; do. Pref., 19/-; 18/3; Bradford Dyers, 85/6-86/6; do. Pref., 20/-; 20/6; Sewing Cottons, 64/-64/6; do. Pref., 19/9; 20/6; Fine Spinners, 58/-59/-; do. Pref., 20/-20/6; Ship Canal, 8/9-9/-; Coats, 64/6-65/6; Ship Canal, 8/3; do. Pref., 84-83. Velvets, 29/-30/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Business slackened. Humbers better, but Rileys tumbled 1/- to 9/-. Austin issues steady. Triumphs remain dull. Austins, 5/9; Debentures, 89; Rinemels, 37/6. Components, 2/6; B.S.A., 4/9; Enfields, 27/9; Humbers, 33/-; Napiers, 21/4½; Preference, 20/6; Rolls, 29/9; Rovers, 12/4½; Singers, 37/6; Standards, 48/-; Swifts, 48/-; Triumphs, 32/-; Dunlops, 10/10½; Vauxhalls, 8/3; Parent Deferred, 40/1½.

BANK OF IRELAND.

DUBLIN BANKS' CLEARING RETURN.

	£	Corresponding Period of Last Year. £	£
Amount cleared week ended 21st Feb., '25	4,999,900	5,280,200	−280,300
8 weeks to same date	43,893,000	45,397,800	−1,504,800

this good fox remaining ... Mr. Grogan ... determinately, and making ... cast, beyond Terthorn ... hounds going once more ... Ballaghmore cross, our ... a field ahead of hounds, ... the pack fairly coursed ... a mile, streaming over ... to Ullaid covert like a ... in the stream close to ... Ullaid this gallant fox ... a grand fox-hunt of one ... minutes. The point from ... just 6½ miles. It was ... the part of our huntsman ... reward for hounds, who ... miles, before they viewed ... work out every yard of ... all beautiful hound work.

BOXING.

FLIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

DEFEATS CORBETT.

... (Hackney), who appeared at ... ing Club in London last ... Johnny Brown (St. George's) ... and the Bantam-weight ... Great Britain, only lasted ...

... round Brown staggered ... swing, and, following ... the ring, knocked him ... hook. Corbett rose after ... almost out, clasping the ... and his seconds threw ... in token of defeat. ... leading in the opening ... was very elusive, and ... lefts. ... impetuosity in the fourth ... and received two heavy ... half-distance he was well ... retention of the Belt, for ... fight throughout and led ... points. ... disappointing throughout ... defensive work was sound ... little initiative, and only ... to show his boxing as ... fighting ability. He was ... fifteenth round, and the ... as already recorded.

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Dub. Tram..(6⁷⁄₁₆)	6⅜ x.d.	Do. Pref......(10¼)	10¼
Do. Pref...(9⅛)	9⅛ x.d.		
Provincial Deb....(8⅛)	8⅛		
Parent Ord....(19/3)	20/3		
Dunlops ......(11/1½)	11/- 10/10½		
Alliance Gas......(7⅛)	7⅛		

* Odd lot. b bid, a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day..	March 2	March 16
General contango day.	March 3	March 17
Ticket day	March 4	March 18
Account day	March 5	March 19

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange opened the week in a quiet fashion. War Loan was unchanged at 101¹⁄₁₆, ⅛. Local Loans brought 67⅞; 3½ per cent. Conversion 79⅛. National War Bonds, 1927 and 1928, changed hands at 105⅛, and a small lot of 1929 at 105⅛. Belfast Corporation 3½ per cent. 1940 was done at 77¾. In Banks, Northern A rose to 5⅞, closing sellers at that and buyers at 5¾. Westminsters Partly Paid 19¾. In Industrials, Belfast Ropeworks Ord. rose to 100. Brookfield Linen Co. Pref. brought 4; Coats Pref., 12¼; Lever Bros. 7 per cent. Pref., 22s.; Brunner Monds, 41s. 7½d.; Dunlop Rubber, 10s. 11¼d.; Shell Transports, 4⅜.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles show a firmer tone. Bradford Dyers are good. Bleachers, 65/6; do. Pref., 22/-22/3; Calicos, 36/3-36/9; do. Pref., 19/-19/3; Bradford Dyers, 85/6-86/6; do. Pref., 20/-20/6; Sewing Cottons, 64/-64/6; do. Pref., 19/9-20/6; Fine Spinners, 58/-58/-; do. Pref., 20/-20/6; "Slubbers," 8/9-9/-. Coats, 64/6-65/6; Ship Canal, 81.84; do. Pref., 84-84. Velvets, 29/-30/-.

BIRMINGHAM.—Business slackened. Humbers better, but Rileys tumbled 1/- to 9/-. Austin issues steady. Triumphs remain dull. Austins, 5/9; Debentures, 89; Hinemeris, 27/6; Components, 3/6; S.T.D., 4/9; Enfields, 27/9; Humbers, 33/-; Napiers, 27/4½; Preference, 20/6; Rolls, 29/9; Rovers, 13/4½; Singers, 37/6; Standards, 48/-; Swifts, 48/-; Triumphs, 32/-; Dunlops, 10/10½; Vauxhalls, 5/3; Parent Deferred, 40/1½.

BANK OF IRELAND.

DUBLIN BANKS' CLEARING RETURN.

		Corresponding Period of Last Year.	
	£	£	£
Amount cleared week ended 21st Feb., '25	4,999,900	5,280,200	−280,300
8 weeks to same date............	43,993,000	45,597,800	−1,604,800

LONDON STOCKS FIRM.

ACTIVITY IN COURTAULDS.

Although the accumulation of orders over the week-end was of very moderate dimensions, the general tone of the London Stock markets yesterday was steady to firm, while one or two outstanding features presented themselves. Principal interest centred in Courtaulds, which rose sharply as a result of the big increase recorded in the profits for the past year and the advance of the dividend from 15 p.c. to 20 p.c., tax free. A slightly firmer tone was manifest in British Funds, and where prices were altered increases were generally marked. Conversion Loan 3½ p.c. were a good spot, and at the finish they showed a gain of ¼ to 79¾. 5½ p.c. Treasury Bonds moved up to 103, or ¼ better. Among Textiles, Courtaulds were a feature, and there was a very heavy turn-over of shares. The price opened at 81s. 6d., against 71s. 3d. on Friday, eased slightly to 80s. 7½d., and recovered later to 81s. 3d., at which figure they closed, showing an improvement of 10s. on the day. Bradford Dyers also attracted attention on expectations that the forthcoming report of Courtaulds will refer to an agreement between the two companies. The final quotation was ¹⁄₁₆ higher at 4¼. Bleachers moved up to 3¼. Among Miscellaneous, Tobaccos were good, and both British-American and Imperials finished 1s. higher, the former closing at 112s. 6d., while the latter were 91s. 3d. x.d. and b.

FOREIGN BONDS STEADY.

Foreign Government Stocks were firm. Brazil 4 p.c., 1889, gained a point to 45, while Chinese 4½ p.c., 1898, at 84, were also a point to the good. Egyptian Unified at 85 and Portuguese 3 p.c. at 30 were both 2 points better. French Loans, on the other hand, eased at one time, but later recovered and finished unaltered. Greek Sevens lost ½ to 92¹⁄₁₆.

RAILS QUIET.

Among Home Rails, North-Eastern issues further eased. The 5 p.c. Pref.-Ord. dropped 1½ points to 78¼, while the Def.-Ord. shed a further ½ to 28¼. Underground were firm, but without alteration. Midlands and Westerns also finished the day without change.

Colonial and Foreign Rails were exceedingly quiet, but a slightly better tendency was evident where alteration was recorded. Bahia Blanca Guaranteed Stock put on a point to 84, while Entre Rios Ord. at 35 were also a point to the good. Grand Trunks were repeated, as were Canadian Pacifics and Buenos Ayres issues.

OIL SHARES EASIER.

Oil Shares failed to provide any outstanding features of interest yesterday, and although a firm tendency characterised the market at the opening, business came along very slowly, not only in the leaders, but also in the speculative favourites, which have been prominent in recent dealings. No pronounced selling pressure was encountered, but with scarcely any demand either on the part of the general public or professionals, an easier tendency developed. Transactions in the recognised leaders were of a light character, prices fluctuating within narrow limits and showing very little change on balance. An improvement occurred in Shells during the early hours, but the gain was not held, the shares leaving off without alteration. Royal Dutch also made a firm start, but closed unchanged. Absence of demand was responsible for the slightly lower prices quoted for Anglo-Persians, Burmahs, and Mexican Eagles. Anglo-Americans were harder, reflecting the higher price quoted for the shares in New York on Saturday last. British Controlled continued to receive a good deal of attention, but although both the Common and Pref. Shares advanced during the early hours, being influenced by the denial of the rumours of a fresh capital issue, the shares developed an easier tendency later in the day in sympathy with other favourites, both issues closing lower. Among other "Vens," V.O.C. Holdings weakened on profit-taking sales. The rest of the market provided nothing of special interest.

RUBBER SHARES EASIER.

The amount of business transacted in the Rubber share market yesterday was on an extremely small scale, while a sagging tendency was evident. Price changes were fairly numerous, but while a few issues finished the day showing an advantage in favour of holders, the majority of alterations were in the downward direction. Sendayan were an exceptionally firm spot, and at the finish they marked an improvement to 30s. 7½d., while Ledbury put on 2s. 6d. to 33s. 9d. United Sua Betong firmed up to 73s. 3d., or 1s. 5¼d. to the good, while Kasintoe put on 1s. 3d. to 22s. 6d. Rubber Estates of Johore dropped back to 21s. 3d., or 1s. 3d. down, while Bukit Rajah at 19s. 7½d. were 1s. lower. The price of rubber was lower at 17⅛d. per lb.

TEA SHARES GENERALLY GOOD.

Business in the Tea share market remained on the small side yesterday, while a slightly irregular tendency characterised dealings. A few of the leaders were wanted, and prices moved up accordingly, but here and there a sagging tendency was exhibited. Consolidated Tea and Lands further improved to 38, or ½ better on the day, while Amalgamated Estates at 43¼ were ¼ to the good. Assam Frontier gained the turn to 8¹⁄₁₆, Cachar and Dooars at 98s. 1½d., and British Indian at 86s. 6d., were 1s. 10½d. and 1s. 7½d. higher respectively. Dooars and Jetinga Valley were good spots, and they both closed 1s. 10½d. better at 74s. 6d. and 58s. 1½d. respectively. Majuli came into request at improving prices, and at the close of the day they showed an increase of 3s. 3d. to 86s. 6d. Lungla and Moabund were 1s. 1½d. to the good. Longai Valley and Jorehaut were 1s. and 10½d. better respectively. Tea Share Trust, on the other hand, lost 1s. 6d. to 46s., while Pandan and Lunuva were 9d. and 7½d. lower. Ceylon Prop. shed 9d. to 53s., while Deundi, Eastern Assam and Imperials were all 4½d. below the week-end figures.

INDUSTRIALS MORE CHEERFUL.

Miscellaneous and Industrial markets opened with a more cheerful tone in evidence yesterday, and there was more business passing than at the end of last week. Several features developed. Interest in the Textile market naturally centred in Courtaulds, which opened a strong market on the basis of 3¹¹⁄₁₆-4, on the good results of the past year. This represented a sharp advance on Friday's level, and bidding for the shares soon took them to 4¹⁄₁₆. Profit-taking subsequently ensued, however, and they relapsed to 80s. 6d., but before the close had more than recovered their loss to 81s. 9d., which left them 10s. 3d. better on the day, an enormous turnover being recorded. Bradford Dyers also commanded good support, and closed 1s. 3d. up at 85s. 9d. on talk of an agreement with Courtaulds, Ltd. American Cellulose exhibited strength, and rose to 19. Grouts improved to 2⅜, and Hinde and Hardys to 37s. Bleachers were wanted, and rose 9d. to 65s., and slight improvements occurred in Calico Printers to 36s. 3d. and in Fine Spinners to 58s. 6d. Amalgamated Cottons, however, eased to 10s. 6d. and Listers to 30s. Apart from Canadas, which lost the turn at 5s. 7½d., the Marconi group was firm, the Debs. rising 1 to 106. Radio Corps. exhibited strength at 13¼, and the Pref. rose to 10⅜. Iron, Coal and Steels remained uncertain. South Durhams gave way rather sharply to 50s., and United Steels Prefs. relapsed to 13s. 9d. Vickers, however, hardened to 10s. 3d. Gas and Shipping securities were all maintained, though in the latter group Harland and Wolff Prefs. receded to 16s. 6d.

Considerable strength was manifest in the Tobacco section, where B.A.T.'s responded to good support by rising 2s. 6d. to 114s. Imperials came into request and rose 1s. to 91s. 3d. ex div., and United South put on 1s. 9d. to 93s. 6d., while the Def. of the latter finished 1s. 6d. up at 91s. Slight gains were recorded by R. and J. Hills at 32s. 3d. and by Canadas at 27s. 9d. In the miscellaneous trading group, Eastwoods met with support and improved to 29s. 6d., while Nobels hardened to 26s. 10½d. and J. Finlays to 74s. 3d. Oil Cakes, on the other hand, eased to 25s. 6d. Apart from a fall of ¹⁄₁₆ in "Daily Mirrors" to 6⅛, News shares kept steady. Firmness was displayed by Insurances, where Royal Exchange were prominent at 700, or another 5 better. Banks, however, were uncertain. Breweries were not so firm, Watney Def. giving way to 232½, or 3 lower, and Courage Ord. losing 1s. at 42s. 6d. on the report. Meux's Prefs., however, put on ⅛ to 6⅜, while Ind Coopes finished 6d. better at 56s. 3d. Whiskey shares were off colour, J. Walkers dropping 1s. to 68s. 6d. and Distillers 9d. to 56s. 3d. Hotels were featureless.

TRAFFICS.

Barsi Light Railway—Week to January 31, decrease Rs.14,500. Great Southern of Spain Railway—Week to February 14, increase pesetas 2,976. Bengal and North-Western Railway—Week to January 31, decrease Rs.7,269. Rohilkund and Kumaon Railway—Week to January 24, decrease Rs.456. Lucknow Bareilly State Railway, decrease Rs.4,222.

Cardiff Warehouses and Mole—January—decrease £1,500. Lancashire United Tramways—Week to February 17th—(Tramways) increase £174 (Omnibus) increase £486.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	57⅜-58⅜	4% Conv. Ln.	87-87½
War Ln. 3½% ..	90-90½	5% Treas. Bds.-1922-1925	101⅛ +⅛
do. 4½%	97⅛-97½	Irish Land 2¾%	56-58
do. 5%	101⅛-101⅜ −⅛	India 3%	[illegible]
do. 4% Tax Free	101⅛-101⅜	do. 3½%	[illegible]
Fund'g L'n ..	86⅜-86⅝	do. 5½%	101-101½
Victory Bds. ..	92⅛-92⅜	do. 7%	[illegible]
3½% Conv. Ln.	79⅛-80 +¼	Local Loans	67⅜-67⅞
		Sudan 5½% ..	108-110

BANKS.

Anglo S. Amer.	7⅜-7⅝	Lloyds	[illegible]
Australasia ..	[illegible]	Midland	[illegible]
Bank N.S.W. ..	40-41	Nat. Dis. B. ..	[illegible]
Do. N. Z.	[illegible]	Nat. Provincial	[illegible]
Barclays A	[illegible]	Royal of Can.	[illegible]
Brit. Overseas	[illegible]	Stand. S.A.	[illegible]
Can. of Com.	[illegible]	Un. Australia	[illegible]
Char. of India	[illegible]	Westminster	[illegible]
Hong Kong ..	[illegible]		

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Aust. Com. 5%	101-103	Nigeria 6%	113-115
do. 6%	102-103	Q'sland 4 1940-50	[illegible]
Brit. Col. 4½ 1941	[illegible]	do. 6% 1930-40	[illegible]
Canada 4	[illegible]	S. Africa 4% Cns.	[illegible]
do. 4½ 1930-5	[illegible]	do. 6½%	[illegible]
Cape 3½ Cons..	[illegible]	S. Aust'n. 6% 1940-50	[illegible]
Ceylon 6%	107-109	do. 6½%	[illegible]
N.S.W. 4 1933	[illegible]	Victoria 4	[illegible]
do. 5½ 1922-7	[illegible]	do. 6% 1925-8	[illegible]
do. 6% 1930-40	106-107	W. Aust. 5% 1935-55	100-102
N. Zeal'nd 4% '29	95-97	do. 6% 1930-40	[illegible]

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U. Feb. 17				
100	Argentine, 1896	99	101*	
77	Do. 4 p.c. Rescessions	78	78	
98½	Do. 5 p.c. 1909	98	98	
43½	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	44	45	+1
60½	Do. Funding, 1908	61	61	
73½	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	73	73*	
85	Chinese 5 p.c. 1896	86	86	
82½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	83	84	+1
73½	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	72	74	
102¾	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds..	101	103	
84½	Egyptian Unified	84	85	+2
19½	French Loan	19	20*	
19½	Do. 4 p.c.	19	19	
1½	German 3 p.c.	1¼	1½	
99½	German 7 p.c.	99	100	
93½	Greek Loan	91½	92⁵⁄₁₆	−½
93½	Hungarian 7½% Ster.	94	95	
17½	Italian Rentes	16¼	16½	
88	Japan 4 p.c. 1905	88	88	
86	Do. 6 p.c., 1924	85½	85½	
41	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	40	50	
41	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	40	41	
5½	Peruvian Corporation ..	5½	5½	
39½	Do. Pref.	39	40	
103	Do. Deb.	102	104	
28½	Portuguese 3 p.c.	29	31	+2
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	73	74	
62	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	61½	62½*	

BRITISH RAILS.

107	Great Western	107	108	
—	Do. Cons. Pref.	102	104	
80	Lon. Mid. & Pref. Ord..	80	81	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	80	82	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	96	98	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref...	99	101	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923.	80	82	
80½	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	78	79	−1½
29	Do. Def. Ord.	28¼	28¾	−½
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	80	82	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref. ..	76	78	
81½	Metropolitan	81	82	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	81	82	
—	Do. District	35	36	
94½	Southern Pref. Ord.	94½	95½	
43½	Do. Def. Ord.	43½	44½	
41	Do. "A"	40	42	
—	Do. "B"	9	10	
2½	Underground Electric ..	2⅜	2⅝	
102½	Do. Income Bonds	101	103	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	106	108	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

85½	Antofagasta	84½	86½	
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	81	83	
—	Bahia Blanca	83	85	+1
—	Brazil Railway Common	¼	½	
90½	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.	90	91	
—	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	81	82	
78½	Buenos Ayres and W. ..	78	79	
139½	Canadian Pacific	137	139	
79¾	Central Argentine	79½	80½	
71	Central Uruguay	70	72	
—	Cordoba Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 2nd Pref.	34½	36½	
33½	Entre Rios	35	37	+1
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	60	62	
—	Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	53	56	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	80	82	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb. ..	66	68	
28	Leopoldina	28½	29½	
8½	Mexican Rails	7½	8½	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	26	28	
—	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	12	14	
165	San Paulo Ord.	165	170	
90½	United Havana	90	92	

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	127	129	+1
—	Baltimore	66	68	+1
—	Chesapeake	98	100	+1
—	Chicago, Milwaukee	12	13	−1
33½	Erie	33½	34½	+½
—	Do. 1st Pref.	44	46	+2
—	New York, Ontario	21	23	−1
66	Southern Common	64	66	+1
—	Do. Pref.	72	74	+1
—	Southern Pacific	110	112	+1
155½	Union Pacific	155	157	+1

TELEGRAPHS.

23½	Anglo-American Def.	23½	24	
1¹¹⁄₁₆	Marconi Wireless Ord. ..	1⁹⁄₁₆	1¹¹⁄₁₆	
1½	Do. Pref.	1⅝	1¾	
—	Do. Debs.	105	107	
1¼	Do. Marine	1⅛	1¼	
5½	Do. Canada	5⁶⁄₁₆	6⅛	
—	Oriental Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]	
13¼	Radio Corporation	13⅛	13⅜	+⅛
10½	Do. Pref. (£50)	10⅛	10	−⅛

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

17/6	Allsopp £1 Shares	17/-	18/-	
90½	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	90	92	
—	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref	95	96*	
2¾	Do. Ord.	2¾	2⅞	
57/3	Distillers' Ord.	56/-	56/6	
110	Guinness	110	112*	
—	Do. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
16/3	Peter Walker Ord.	16/3	16/9	
3¾	South African Breweries ..	3⅜	3⅝	
21/6	Walker (John) Pref.	22/6	23/6	
232	Watney Combe Def.	230	235	−3

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

1¾	Aerated Bread	1¾	1⅞	
—	Bovril Def.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
2/10½	Crosse and Blackwell	[illegible]	[illegible]	
12/6	Lipton	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Lyons (J.)	[illegible]	[illegible]	
2½	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
5/10½	Nurdin Def.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Spratt's Patent	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
24/6	Van Den Berghs	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	

IRON AND STEEL.

14/6	Armstrong (W. G.)	14/6	15/3	
11/0	Cammell Laird	10/6	11/0	
12/0	Dorman Long	11/6	12/6	
1⅜	John Brown	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. (15/- paid)	[illegible]	[illegible]	−¹⁄₁₆
18/0	Pease and Partners	18/0	20/0	
2½	South Durham Steel	1¾	1⅞	
2⅜	Siemens	6/6	6/0	
7/6	United Steel	7/6	7/9	−0/3
10/3	Vickers Ord.	9/6	10/6	
—	Weardale Iron C.P.O.	1⅛	1⅜	

LAND.

—	Aboukir Land	20/9	21/9	
10/6	Argentine Northern Land	⅞	1⅛	
20/0	Do. Southern Land	1½	1⅝	
11/0	B.N.B. Land	[illegible]	[illegible]	
20/0	Forestal Land	[illegible]	[illegible]	
6⅞	Hudson's Bay Ord.	6⅞	6⅞	
16/3	Niger Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
10/6	Pekin Syndicate	[illegible]	[illegible]	
28/6	Rio Negro Lands	1⅝	1⅝	
7⅝	Sudan Plantations	7⅝	7¾	+¹⁄₁₆

NEWSPAPERS.

6⅛	Assd. Newspapers Def. ..	6⅛	6⅛	
—	Daily Mail Deb.	107½	108½	+½
6⅛	Daily Mirror Ord.	6⅛	6⅛	−¹⁄₁₆
4⅝	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	83/7½	84/7½	+6/1½

NITRATES.

21	Alianza	20½	21½	+½
8	Lautaro Nitrate	8⅛	8⅜	
1⅜	Lagunas Nitrate	1⅛	1¼	
3½	Liverpool Nitrate	3½	[illegible]	
30/0	London Nitrate	27/6	30/0	
32/0	Rosario Nitrate	31/6	32/6	
1⅝	Santa Rita Nitrate	1⅝	1¾	
3	Santiago Nitrate	2⅞	3	
15/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	14/6	15/6	

SHIPPING.

11/9	Cargo Fleet	[illegible]	[illegible]	
33/3	Court Line	32/6	33/0	
20/0	Cunard Ord.	19/0	20/0	
20/0	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	19/6	20/0	
35/0	Furness Withy	34/0	36/0	
2½	P. and O. Def.	2⅜	2⅝	
97½	Royal Mail Ord.	98	101	

TEXTILES AND STORES.

10/7½	Amalgamated Cotton	10/3	11/3	
64/3	Bleachers	3⅛	3⅜	+⅛
4	Bradford Dyers	4⅛	4⅜	+⅛
8/6	British Celanese Ord.	8/0	8/3	−0/1½
36/0	Calico Printers	1⅝	1⅞	
65/0	Coats	3¼	3⅜	
70/0	Courtaulds	4	4⅛	+½
64/0	English Sewing Cotton ..	3¼	3⅜	
58/0	Fine Spinners	2⅞	3	
45/6	Harrods	2¼	2⅜	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	1⅞	2	
30/0	Lister Ord.	1½	1⅝	
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1	1⅛	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

34/6	African and East. Trade	34/0	35/0	
3⅝	Anglo-Arg. Tram 1st Pf.	3⅜	3⅝	
14/0	Associated Cement	14/0	15/0	
15/10½	Do. Pref.	15/3	16/3	
11/0	Boots Con. Def.	11/0	[illegible]	
26/0	Brazilian Traction	[illegible]	[illegible]	
27/0	British Portland Cement	26/0	28/0	
—	British Glass	1¹⁄₁₆	1⅛	−0/1½
14/0	B.S.A.	14/0	15/0	
25/0	British Oil and Cake	1⅛	1¼	
—	Brit. Col. Electric Rail..	91	94	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	81	83	
110/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	111/6	112/6	+1/9
42/0	Brunner Mond	41/0	42/0	−0/3
—	Bryant and May	2⅞	3	
—	Carreras	7	7⅛	
—	De la Rue Deb.	26⅞	27⅜	
11/3	Dunlop Rubber	10/6	11/0	−0/3
—	Do. Deb.	87	89	
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.	80	82	
—	English Electric	19/3	20/0	
—	Finlay (James)	3½	3⅝	
22/6	General Electric Ord.	22/6	23/0	
—	Do. Deb.	107	[illegible]	
—	Gramophone Ord.	1⅜	1⅝	
90/6	Imperial Tobacco Ord. ..	90/6	92/0	+1/9
22/0	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	21/6	22/0	
—	Lever 7 p.c. Debs.	110	112	
—	Lever 8 p.c. Debs.	100	102	
—	Mexican Trams	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. Bonds	72	74	
—	Do. L. and P. Bonds	85	88	
26/3	Nobels	26/0	27/0	
22/0	Do. Pref.	21/6	22/6	
—	Do. Def.	11/6	12/0	
40/0	Parent Trust Def.	1⅝	1⅝	
20/6	Do. Ord.	20/0	21/0	
29/6	Platt Bros. Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
14/6	Prov. Cine. 9½% Pf. Ord.	14/6	15/0	+0/3
—	Rolls Royce	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Salt Union	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	San Paulo Tram Deb.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Shawinigan Water Debs.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
10½	Swedish Match "B"	10⅛	10⅜	+⅛
—	Taylor's Hygienic	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Tilling Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	United Alkali	[illegible]	[illegible]	
25/0	Wallpaper Def.	25/6	26/6	

OILS.

M.U. Feb. 17				
—	Agwi Petroleum	4⅝	5	
—	Anglo-American	1¾	1⅞	+ ⅛
—	Anglo-Ecuadorian	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1⅜	[illegible]	− ⅛
—	Anglo-Persian 1st Pref. ..	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/1½
—	Do. 8 p.c. 2nd Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. Ord. issued at 24 p.d.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Ord.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Apex Trinidad	3¼	3⅜	− ⅛
—	Attock	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)..	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	British Burmah (8/-)	2/9	3/0	−0/4½
—	British Controlled	23/9	24/3	−0/1½
—	Do. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	− ⅛
—	Burmah	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Caltex	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Dacia Romano	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Eagle Transport	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	100	102	
—	Do. Bearer	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	General Pet. Trinidad A.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Kern River (10/-)	18/3	[illegible]	−0/3
—	Lobitos	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Mexican Eagle	17/6	18/0	−0/6
—	Do. Pref.	15/0	16/0	
—	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/1½
—	North Caucasian (10/-) ..	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Pera Syndicate	[illegible]	[illegible]	+ ⅛
—	Phoenix	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/6
—	Roumanian Consolidated ..	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Shell Transport	4⅝	4⅝	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10) ..	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0/1½
—	Soles (10/-)	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/7½
—	Steaua Romana	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Tankers Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Trinidad Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Trinidad Lease	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/1½
—	United Brit. Trinidad	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Ural Caspian	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Urox Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	V.O.C. Holdings	[illegible]	[illegible]	− ⅛
—	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	

RUBBERS.

—	Anglo-Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0/3
—	Anglo-Java	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Anglo-Malay	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/6
—	Bertam Cons.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Bukit Mertajam	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Bukit Sembawang	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Damansara	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Grand Central	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/1½
—	Highlands	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Kamuning	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/3
—	Kepong	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Kuala Lumpur	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Labu	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Linggi	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	London Asiatic	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Malacca	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Malayalam	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0/3
—	Merlimau	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Muar River	[illegible]	[illegible]	−0/10½
—	Port Dickson	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Rubber Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0/1½
—	Seafield	[illegible]	[illegible]	+3/1½
—	Sendayan	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Sialang	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Straits Rubber	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Teluk Anson	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Tandjong	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	Un. Serdang	[illegible]	[illegible]	
—	United Sua Betong	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1/5¼
—	Vallambrosa	[illegible]	[illegible]	

Ampat	[illegible]	N. Hummock	[illegible]
Anglo-Sum	[illegible]	P.P.K. Cy'n	[illegible]
Bah Lias	[illegible]	Pataling	[illegible]
B'n Tiga	[illegible]	Pegoh	[illegible]
B.N.B.Tr.	[illegible]	Plantation	[illegible]
Batak	[illegible]	Rim Malacca	[illegible]
Dukit Cloh	[illegible]	Rub. Johore	[illegible]
Bukit Rajah	[illegible]	Sarong	[illegible]
Castlefield	[illegible]	Sapong	[illegible]
Chersonese	[illegible]	Selangor	[illegible]
Consol.	[illegible]	Sepang Sel.	[illegible]
Eastern Trust ..	[illegible]	Serdang C'nl	[illegible]
Gen. Ceylon	[illegible]	Scomber Alse. ..	[illegible]
Glenborvie	[illegible]	Sumatra Con. ..	[illegible]
Glenshiel	[illegible]	Sungei Bahru ..	[illegible]
Gula Kalumpong ..	[illegible]	Sungei Chok	[illegible]
Java Amal.	[illegible]	Sungei Kapar ..	[illegible]
Kapar Para.	[illegible]	Sungei Kr. Pl. ..	[illegible]
Kasintoe	[illegible]	Taiping	[illegible]
Kepitigalla	[illegible]	Tamiang	[illegible]
Kombok	[illegible]	Tebrau	[illegible]
Langkat Sum. ..	[illegible]	Telogoredjo	[illegible]
Ledbury	[illegible]	Un. Langkat	[illegible]
Malakoff R.B. ..	[illegible]	Un. Temiang	[illegible]
Manchabut	[illegible]	Yam Seng	[illegible]
Mendaris	[illegible]		

* Ex div. † Ex rights. ‡ Cum div. § bonus.

TEAS.

Amal. Estates ..	43¼ + ¼	Doom Dooma ..	105/6 +0/6
Anglo-Ceylon ..	[illegible]	E.I. & Ceylon ..	[illegible]
Assam Co.	[illegible]	Eastern Assam ..	[illegible]
Assam Cons.	[illegible]	Fast Produce ..	[illegible]
Assam Front'r ..	8¹⁄₁₆ +	Empire	[illegible]
Assam Dooars ..	[illegible]	Imperial Ceylon	[illegible]
Ass. T. & Cy'n ..	[illegible]	Halem	[illegible]
Attaree Khat	[illegible]	Imperial	[illegible]
Balijan	[illegible]	Imperial Ceylon	37/0
Borgang	[illegible]	Jetinga Valley ..	[illegible]
Borelli	[illegible]	Jhanzie	[illegible]
Borhella	[illegible]	Jokai	[illegible]
Bowlands	[illegible]	Jorehaut	[illegible]
Brahmapootra ..	[illegible]	Longai Valley ..	[illegible]
British Assam ..	[illegible]	Lungla	[illegible]
Brit. Indian	[illegible]	Lunuva	[illegible]
Budla Beta	[illegible]	Majuli	[illegible]
Cachar & Do'ars	[illegible]	Moabund	[illegible]
Ceylon Plant. ..	[illegible]	Nedeem	[illegible]
Ceylon Prop.	[illegible]	New Sylhet	[illegible]
Chargola	[illegible]	Pandan	[illegible]
Chubwa	[illegible]	Peacock & Nil. ..	[illegible]
Chulsa	[illegible]	Pooncondi	[illegible]
Con. Tea & L. ..	[illegible]	Rajah'and'Sheel	[illegible]
Darjeeling	[illegible]	Scottish	[illegible]
Dehing	[illegible]	Singlo	[illegible]
Deloo	[illegible]	Tea Corpn.	[illegible]
Deundi	[illegible]	Tea Share Trust	[illegible]
Dhoedaam Valley	[illegible]	Travancore	[illegible]
Dooars	[illegible]	U. Planters C. ..	[illegible]
Doolooguri	[illegible]	W. Assam	[illegible]

* Ex dividend.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Alliance Assurance, 15⅛; Atlas Assurance, 15⅛, 15 ⅜; British General Insurance, 55/6, 56/-, 6/-, 5/-; Commercial Union, 24⅛, ⅛; Consolidated Assurance, 41/6, 2/-; Eagle Star, 9½; Employers' Liability, 90/-, 1/-, 90/4½, 6d., 7½d., 1¼d.; General Accident, 8¼, ¹⁄₁₆, ⅛; do. Pref., 19/7½; Gresham Fire and Accident, 22/-; Guardian Assurance, 10/6, 10/-, 9d.; Guardian Eastern Insurance, 10/6, 10/-, 9d.; London and Lancs., 21⅛; London Associated Re-insurance, 6/-, 7/6; London Assurance, 5⅛; North British, 21⅛; Northern Assurance, 17⅛, 17, 26⅛; do. Part. Pref., 17⅛; Phoenix Assurance, 12¼; Prudential "A," 23¼, ⅛; do. "B," 42/9, 3/-, 2/6, 3/3; Royal Exchange, 700, 699; Royal Insurance, 33¼, ⅛; Sun Life Assurance, 42¼; Tariff Re-insurances, 3/11½, 6d., 9d.; United British, 35/6; Western Alliance Re-insurance, 15/3¾, 1½d., 12/10½; Weeks Auxiliary, 23/3, 10½d., 4/-; Caledonian Insurance (£1 paid), 16⅛; Union Insurance Society of Canton, 31⅛.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Alliance New, 15⅛; Atlas, 15⅛; Caledonian, 6⅛; Eagle Star, 29 6/3; Employers' Liability, 89/6, 3d.; General Accident, 8⅛; London Lancashire, 21⅛; do. 6 p.c. Law Union and Rock Debs. (x.d.), 100⅛; London Assurance, 247/9; North British, 22, ⅛, ¹⁄₁₆; Northern Part. Pref., 17⅛; Phoenix Norwich Union, 13; Royal Exchange, 700; Royal Insurance, 33¼, ¹⁄₁₆.

PRICES OF RECENT ISSUES.

Agar Cross 5½ p.c. Debs. (£40 paid), 8-9 pm. Allen-Liversidge Pref. (7/6 paid), ⅛-1/- pm. Anglo-Spanish Construction (£1), 24-⅛; do. 6 p.c. Debs. (fully paid), 85⅛-6⅛. Argentine Great Western Railway 5 p.c. Debs. (£25 paid), 2¾-3 p.m. Argentine Transandine Railway 8 p.c. Debs., 3-4 pm. Argus Press 7 p.c. Pref. (£1), 20/9-21/3. Armstrong 6½ p.c. Debs., 100¼-½. Australia 4½ p.c. 1940-60 (fully paid), 97⅛-98. Australian Sheep Farms (£2) (£2¼ paid), ¼-½ pm. Belscri-Chardwar Tea Ord., 2/3-½ pm.; do. 8 p.c. Pref., par-1/- pm. Candover Estates 8 p.c. Debs. (fully paid), 4⅛-3⅛ dis. Cotton Plantations (5/- paid), 1/-2/- dis. Eastern Tin Trust (10/- paid), ⅛-¼ dis. Galicia Nitrate 7 p.c. Debs., 99-100. Greek 7 p.c. (£60 paid), 4-⅛ pm. H.P. Sauce Ord., 21/6-22/6 pm.; do. 7 p.c. Pref. (7/6 paid), 1/9-2/3 pm. Hide and Co. Ord. (1/-), 1/10⅛-2/4⅛; do. 8 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 7⅛-1/1⅛ pm. Hull Corporation 4½ p.c. (£25⅛ paid), ⅛ dis.-par. International Sleeping Car 6 p.c. Bonds, 96⅛-7⅛. Liquid Air, 25/9-26/3. London, Midland and Scottish Railway 5 p.c. Pref. (fully paid), 101⅛-⅛. Mason (George J.) 7 p.c. Pref., 21/3-21/9. Middlesbrough Corporation 4½ p.c. 1945-65 (£25 paid), ⅛-⅛ dis. Midi European Corporation (£6 paid), 7-⅛. Neuchatel Asphalte 6 p.c. Debs. (fully paid), 103⅛-4⅛. Newcastle 4½ p.c. (fully paid), ⅛-⅛ dis. Peck (J. H.) (£1), 31/-32/-. Perfetti Nitrate 7½ p.c. Debs., 92-4. Port of London 4½ p.c. (fully paid), 97⅛-⅛. River Plate, British and Continental Meat Ord. (10/- paid), 1/6-6 dis.; do. 6 p.c. Prefd. (£57½ paid), 3⅛-2⅛ dis.; do. 7 p.c. Debs., 96⅛-7⅛. Rotherham 4½ p.c. (fully paid), 98⅛-⅛. Sears (J. T.) 12⅛ p.c. Pref., 1⅛-2. Staffordshire Potteries Water Board 5 p.c. Debs. (fully paid), 101⅛-⅛. Staveley Trust (12/6 paid), /6 dis.-6 pm.; do. Defd., 3/6-4/-. Sudan 4 p.c. (£51 paid), 2⅛-⅛ pm. Tin Selection Trust (15/- paid), 1/6-1/6 dis. Tingha (N.S.W.) Tin (15/- paid), 1/6-/6 dis. Veno Drug 8 p.c. Pref. (10/- paid), par-/pm. Victoria 4½ p.c. (fully paid), 97⅛-⅛. Vocalion Gramophone, 9/-9/6. Yorkshire Electric New Ord. (£1) (3/6 paid), 4/-4/6 pm.

METROPOLE HOTELS COMPANY (DUBLIN) MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of this company was held yesterday at the Grosvenor Hotel, Westland row.

Sir Thomas W. Robinson presided, the other directors present being Mr. Harold Mitchell and Mr. R. Noel Mitchell. There was a small attendance of shareholders.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1924, which was carried unanimously. A dividend of 10 per cent., less income tax, was declared, the sum of £200 placed to the general reserve account, and the balance, amounting to £864 10s. 3d., carried forward to the next account (subject to the payment of directors' fees).

The retiring director, Mr. Harold Mitchell, and the retiring auditor, Mr. Thomas Geoghegan, chartered accountant, were unanimously re-elected.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman and other directors for their zealous attention to the business of the company during the past year.

IRISH FAIRS.

BALLYBAY.—Ballybay two-day monthly fair on Friday and Saturday saw a small supply of farm stock and produce on offer. In nearly all departments prices were high. Cattle—Prime springers, £27 10/- to £32; second class, £20 to £25; fresh calved cows, £25 to £26 10/-; milchers, £17 to £18 10/-; strippers, £12 to £15; two-year-old stores, £14 to £16; six-quarters, £12. Calves—One year and over, £9 to £11 each. Weanlings, £7. Dropped calves, 30/- each. There was a fairly good number of young horses in the fair. Six-quarters sold from £10 to £12; three-year-olds, £16 to £20; four-year-olds, £30 and over; good five-year-olds, £35; strong old harness horses, £10. Pigs—Fat sows, £8 to £10 each; stores, £4 to £8 per pair; suckers, £2 10/- to £3 10/- per pair.

LONDON MINING MARKET IRREGULAR.

LANGLAATES WEAK—SELUKWES IN DEMAND.

Generally speaking, business was resumed in the Stock Exchange yesterday under cheerful conditions, but unfortunately the volume of trading was small. The Gilt-edged and Investment departments kept very firm, but, as has been the case for some time past, the more speculative sections were "spotty"—that is to say, a few specialities attracted the bulk of attention, the remainder being allowed to drift. In the Mining market Kaffirs were dull, the wages question and the extraordinary attitude adopted by the Union Government over the Diamond Bill being sufficient in themselves to prevent any expansion of public interest. Central Mining were marked down to the extent of a half-crown, but the Cape offered Langlaagte Estate and the price declined sharply. Rand Mines were lower, and several others lost the turn; but Robinson Deep "B" were firm on the publication of the latest reassuring statement as to the position at the mine. "T.C.L." came once more into request and moved up. The Rhodesian section made a much better showing. Chartered were bought in anticipation of to-day's meeting, and Cam and Motor were being steadily absorbed; but the feature was provided by Selukwe, which came into good request. As regards Diamonds, London was a heavy seller of De Beers Def., and, as Paris was not quite so willing a buyer as last week, the price fell away. Consolidated African Selection Trust continued on the upgrade, and West African Diamonds were firm. The price of tin dropped £1 5s. to £252 7s. 6d. per ton, and the share market was dull and indifferent. Business even in the Eastern descriptions was on a very small scale, and Malayalam lost the turn, despite the recent dividend announcement. Ashanti Goldfields, in the West African department, were better. Among Coppers, Rio Tinto came into good request and registered a gain of 15s., while there was still some quiet nibbling at Messina. Canadians were irregular. Mining Corporations and Vipond were fractionally easier, but Porcupine Goldfield responded readily to a modest inquiry. Elsewhere, Burma Corporation were freely offered in the absence of further news regarding the fire in the mine. Closing prices—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Feb. 16		
1⅛	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1⅝-1⅞
17/3	Anglo-French........	17/0-17/6
3⅜	Brakpan	[illegible]
12⅝	Cent. Min'g (£8) ..	[illegible] −⅛
11/3	Central W'st (5/-) ..	11/3 11/9−0/3
1⅛	City Deep	[illegible]
1⅛	Con. Goldfields	[illegible]
14/9	Cons. Main Reef	14/4½-10/−1/3
16/0	Cons. Selec. 10/ ..	15/9-15/9 −0/3
2⅛	Crown Mines (10/)	2⅛-2⅜ −⅛
21/8	Durban Deep	20/9 21/3 −0/6
10/7½	E. Rand Prop.	9/7½-10/−4½
3⅛	Geduld	[illegible]
15/0	Gen. Mining	14/9 15/3
12/0	G. M. Investment	11/9 12/3
7/3	Government Mines	7/9 7⅛
12/3	H.E. Prop.	12/3 12/9
4⅛	Johann'burg I'vst.	20/9-21/3
5/0	Kleinfontein	4/3 4/9 −0/3
13/6	Knight's	13/0 14/0 −0/3
22/0	Langlaagte Est.	19/3 20/3 −2/0
4⅛	Meyer & Charlton	[illegible]
1⅛	M'derfontein (10/)	[illegible]
1⅛	Modder B (5/)	[illegible]
1⅛	Modder Deep (5/)	[illegible]
1⅛	Modder East	[illegible]
1⅛	New State Areas ..	[illegible]
1⅛	Nigel	[illegible]
8/6	Nourse Mines	[illegible]
2⅛	Rand Mines (5/) ..	[illegible]
18/6	Randfontein	17/6 18/0 −0/6
1⅛	Rob'son D.A (1/) ..	[illegible]
1⅛	Robinson Dp. B	[illegible]
11/9	Rose Deep	11/6 12/0
9/9	Sabie (8/-)	[illegible]
19/0	S.A. Gold Trust	[illegible]
2⅛	Springs Mines	[illegible]
12/6	Sub Nigel	11/9 12/
3⅛	Trans. and Del. B.	[illegible]
36/3	Trans-Con.L.(10/)	37/6 38 6+0/6
20/3	Trans. Devel.	20/9 21/3
47/6	Union Corp.(12/6)	47/0 47/6
26/9	Van Ryn	[illegible]
19/0	Van Ryn Deep	23/0 23/6
21/0	Vereeniging	[illegible]
10/3	Village Deep	10/7½ 11/1½
28/3	West Springs	28/3 28/9
—	Do. Options	4/6 5/0
15/6	Wit'ersrand Deep	14/6 15/6

RUSSIAN.

6/0	Lena Gold	6/6 7/6
5/10½	Russo-Asiat. Cns.	5/10½ 6/1½
3/0	Russian Mining ..	3/6 4/6
¾	Siberian Props.	[illegible]
⅛	Spassky	[illegible]

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Feb. 16		
8/9	Bechuana'land Ex.	7/6-8/3
8/9	Bwana M'Kubwa ..	8/1½-8/4½
2⅛	Cam and Motor ..	[illegible]
22/1	Chart'd B.S.A.	23/1½-23/6 +0/3
3/0	Falcon	2/9 3/3
2⅛	Gaika Gold	22/6-23/0 +0/3
14/0	Globe & Phoenix (5/)	13/9-14/3
7/6	Gold F. Rho. (10/)	7/1½-7/9 −1½
—	Lonely Reef	[illegible]
—	Rezende	[illegible]
4/3	R. Broken Hill (5/)	4/3-4/4½ −1½
17/9	Selukwe (2/6)	21/0-21/3 +3/7½
—	Shamva Mines	1⅛-1¼ −⅛
—	Sherwood Starr (5/)	[illegible]
—	Tanganyika	1⅛-1⅜ −⅛
44/3	Vic. Falls Ord.	[illegible]
21/3	do. Pref.	21/0-22/0
21/3	Wankie Col. 10/ ..	20/9-21/3
—	Willoughby	4/3-4/6
25/0	Zambesia Expl.	24/9-25/3 −0/3

DIAMOND.

1⅛	Angola Diamond ..	[illegible]
18/9	Con. D. S. W. A. ..	17/9-18/3
11⅛	De Beers Def.	11⅛-11⅜ −⅜
12⅛	do. Pref.	12⅛-12⅜
2⅛	Jagersfontein	[illegible]
2⅛	N. Val. River	[illegible]
6⅛	Premier Pf. 5/-	[illegible]
18/3	West African	16/6-17/0

AUSTRALIAN.

1⅛	Amal. Zinc	1⅛-1⅜
12/0	Associated	11/9-12/3
28/6	Broken Hill Prop.	28 3-28/9 +0/9
2⅛	B. Hill Sth. New	[illegible]
1⅛	Electro Zinc Pref.	[illegible]
10/6	Lake View (10/) ..	10/6-11/0
3⅛	North Broken Hill	[illegible]
13/9	Sulphide Ord.	14/0-13/0 +0/3
13/3	South Kalgurli	14/3-13/3
20/9	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	[illegible]
—	do. Pref.	[illegible]

WEST AFRICAN.

12/6	Ashanti Gold 4/ ..	12/-12/6 +0/3
10/3	Fanti Cons. 8/) ..	10/0-10/6
17/6	Gold Coast Amal.	16/9-17/3
2⅛	Taquah & Abosso..	3/6-4/0

TIN.

M.U. Feb. 16		
18/9	Anglo-Con. (10/-)	18/3-18/9
2⅛	Aramayo Mines ..	[illegible]
2⅛	Bisichi Ord. (10/) ..	8/9-9/3
11/11	do. Pref (10/) ..	11/9-11/3
—	Bisichi	[illegible]
—	Gopeng	[illegible]
—	Ipoh	24/9-25/3
14/3	Kaduna Synd (5/)	[illegible]
—	Kamunting	[illegible]
—	Kramat Pulai	[illegible]
—	Malayan T.D.	[illegible]
—	Mongu	[illegible]
—	Naraguta	[illegible]
—	Pahang (5/-)	[illegible]
—	Rambutan	[illegible]
—	Renong	[illegible]
14/3	Ropp (4/ Shs)	14/3-14/9 +1/3
—	Siamese	[illegible]
11/3	South Bukeru	11/0-11/6
—	Tavoy	[illegible]
—	Tronoh	[illegible]

COPPER.

17/0	Arizona (5/-)	[illegible]
—	Mount Elliott (£5)	[illegible]
—	Mount Morgan	[illegible]
22/6	Mount Lyell	22/6-23/6
—	Namaqua	[illegible]
42	Rio Tinto (£5)	42¾-43¼ + ¾
11/0	S. American (2/) ..	10/9-11/3

MISCELLANEOUS.

2⅛	Bingo Pref.	[illegible]
18/6	Brit. Platinum	18/9-11/3
12/6	Burma Corp.	12/9-13/3 −0/3
7/1	Champion Reef	7/6-7/9
1⅛	Chosen Synd "A" ..	[illegible]
—	Colombian Props ..	[illegible]
2⅛	Cordoroy Synd.	[illegible]
2⅛	Huronian Bel.	[illegible]
6/6	Kesley Silver	6/11-6/4½
4⅛	Kirkland Lake	[illegible]
4⅛	Mexico Mines	[illegible]
4⅛	Minerals Separ'n ..	[illegible]
10/9	Min. Crp. of Can.	10/6 11/0 −0/3
—	Mysore (£1)	[illegible]
12/3	Nat. Min. (f.p.)	12/3 14/3
2⅛	Nundydroog	[illegible]
14/0	Ooregum	14/0-15/0
7/6	Oroville	5/6 7/6
7/6	Porcupine Gold	7/3-8/3 +10½
17/6	St. John Del Rey..	16/9 17/9
24/3	San Francisco 10/	24/0 24/6
—	Santa Gertrudis	[illegible] −0/3
—	S. Amer. G. Areas	[illegible]
3⅛	Vipond	[illegible] −1½
1⅛	Waihi Gold	[illegible]

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights.

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were marked in London yesterday:—

Consols—58⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ... 4 p.c. War Loan—96⅛ ... 5 p.c. War Loan—97⅛ ... Funding Loan—90⅛ ... Victory Bonds—(x.d.) 92⅛ ... Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.—79⅛ ... India 3½ p.c. ... Australia 6 p.c. Stock—104⅛ ... South Africa 6 p.c.—105⅛ ... Japan 6 p.c. Sterling—89⅛ ... Aerated Bread—28/10½ ... African and Eastern—33/10½ ... Allied Newspapers Pref.—21/3 ... Amalgamated Cotton—10/6 ... Amalgamated Press—44/6, 9d., 10½d. ... Anglo-Dutch Rubber—48/3 ... Assoc. Cement—[illegible] ... Associated Newspapers Def.—6⅛ ... Barclays Bank "A"—[illegible] ... do. "B"—57/4½ ... Bovril Def.—31/10½ ... Brazilian Traction—[illegible] ... British-American Tobacco—111/6 ... [illegible] ... Bryant and May—54/- ... Buenos Ayres Great Southern—90⅛ ... do. Western Ord.—79 ... Canadian Pacific—139⅛ ... Central Argentine—[illegible] ... Coats—65/- ... Courtaulds—[illegible] ... Crosse and Blackwell—[illegible] ... Cunard Ord.—19/6 ... Daily Mail Trust—[illegible] ... Daily Mirror Ord.—[illegible] ... Dunlop Ord.—10/11⅛ ... Edison Swan—7/1⅛ ... English Sewing Cotton—64/- ... Finlay (James)—[illegible] ... General Electric Ord.—22/6 ... Grand Central—[illegible] ... Grand Trunk Pacific—[illegible] ... Harland and Wolff Pref.—16/9 ... Harrods Ord.—46/4⅛ ... Highlands Rubber—[illegible] ... Hudson's Bay Ord.—[illegible] ... Hungarian 7½ p.c. 1924—94⅛ ... Imperial Tobacco—90/4⅛ ... Jute Industries—[illegible] ... Lever 7 p.c. Pref.—22/- ... Linggi Rubber—35/- ... Lipton Ord.—[illegible] ... Lloyds Bank (x.d.) ... London Asiatic Rubber—3/10 ... London, Midland and Scottish Ord.—98⅛ ... London and North-Eastern Pref. Ord.—79⅛ ... Lyons (J.) and Co. 7 p.c. Pref.—35/- ... Malayalam Rubber—40/3 ... Marconi Ord.—32/9 ... Marine—21/10⅛ ... Maypole Def.—6/2⅛ ... Metropolitan Rail—82⅛ ... Midland Bank—[illegible] ... Nat. Prov. Bank (£4)—12⅛ ... Nestle—[illegible] ... Nobel Industries—[illegible] ... Parent Ord. (x.d.)—20/6 ... Peruvian Corp. Pref.—39⅛ ... Platt Bros. Ord.—31/8⅛ ... P. and O. 5 p.c. Debs.—101 ... Prov. Cinema Theatres—14/- ... Radio Corp. Com.—13⅛ ... Rubber Trust—34/3 ... Selfridge Ord.—30/3 ... Smithfield and Argentine—17/- ... Southern Rail Pref. Ord.—[illegible] ... Sudan Plantations—7⅛ ... Sunday Pictorial Ord.—83/9 ... Swedish Match "B"—[illegible] ... Turkish Unified—17⅛ ... Underground Electric—[illegible] ... Underground Income Bonds—[illegible] ... Union Cold Storage 8 p.c.—[illegible] ... United Dairies—38/9 ... United of Havana Rail—21⅛ ... United Premier Oil Cake—[illegible] ... United Serdang Rubber (x.d.)—[illegible] ... United Tobacco—92/3 ... Vickers—10/- ... Watney Combe Def.—233 ... Westminster Bank—19⅛ ... Whitely (Wm.)—78/9, 9/3.

MINES.

Akim—17/1⅛, 16/6, 17/-, 16/10⅛, 7⅛d., 9d. Anglo-American Corp.—25/-, 9d., 7⅛d., 6/-, 5/1⅛, 4⅛d., 6d., 3⅛d. Brakpan—73/6, 3d., 1/10⅛, 6d. British South Africa (Chartered)—23/1⅛, ... Cam and Motor—55/-, ... Central Mining—13⅛ ... Chosen Syndicate—30/3 ... City Deep—58/9 ... Consol. Diamond Mines S.W. Africa—17/10⅛ ... Consol. Gold Fields—21/4⅛ ... Consol. Main Reef—14/6 ... Consol. Mines Selection—15/4⅛ ... De Beers Def.—[illegible] ... Durban Roodepoort Deep—21/6 ... East Rand Prop.—9/6 ... Geduld—63/9 ... General Mining—15/3 ... Johannesburg Invest.—20/10½ ... Langlaagte—19/9 ... Modderfontein B (5/- shares)—35/7½ ... Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)—[illegible] ... Modderfontein East—[illegible] ... Mount Lyell—22/9 ... New Kleinfontein—4/7½ ... New Modderfontein—[illegible] ... New State Areas—35/- ... Naraguta—[illegible] ... Nourse—8/4 ... Rand Mines—55/10⅛ ... Randfontein Estates—18/- ... Robinson Deep A—[illegible] ... Rose Deep—[illegible] ... Russo-Asiatic—5/9 ... Selukwe Gold—19/5⅛ ... Springs—[illegible] ... South American Copper—10/6 ... Tanganyika—37/- ... Tingha Tin (15/- paid)—14/4⅛ ... Union Corporation—47/4⅛, 6d., 3d., 7⅛d., 6/9.

Van Ryn—26/6, 3d., 6/-, 5/7⅛. Van Ryn Deep—73/1⅛, 2/9⅛, 1/10⅛. Village Deep—10/1⅛, 10/-, 3⅛, 4⅛d. West Springs—28/7⅛, 9d., 3d., 6d., 4⅛d., 9d. Zinc Corp.—34/9, 4/-, 3d., 3/10⅛, 9d., 4/6.

OILS.

Agwi Corp. "A"—9/-, 1⅛d., 3d. Anglo-American Ord.—[illegible], 3/9, 1/3, 10⅛d., 3/3, 6d., 5⅛d., ... Anglo-Ecuadorian—46/10⅛. Anglo-Persian Ord.—72/3, 1/10⅛, 3/1⅛; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—28/-, ... British Controlled Com.—24/3 ... Burmah—[illegible] ... Caltex—[illegible] ... Kern River—18/6, 1⅛d. ... Lobitos—[illegible] ... Mexican Eagle Ord.—17/9, 4⅛d., 3d.; do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.—14/-, 1⅛d., 6⅛d. ... Phoenix Oil—21/9 ... Royal Dutch—[illegible] ... Shell—93/9, 4/4⅛ ... Trinidad Leaseholds—46/3 ... V.O.C. Holdings—[illegible] ... do. Pref.—62/6.

TEAS.

Amalgamated Estates—43⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Anglo-Ceylon (x.d.)—49/-, 3d., 9d., 9/-. Assam Company—45/9, 3d., 6d., 6/-, 5/9, 6/4⅛. Assam Cons.—19/1⅛, 19/-, 18/7⅛. Assam Frontier—8¹⁄₁₆, ⅛. Borelli—5⅛. Borhella—24⅛. British Indian—86/10⅛, 6/-. Cachar and Dooars—97/6, 100/-, 98/9, 6/3. Ceylon Plant—£3 6/-, £3 6/6, 5⅛, ⅛, £3 6/7⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Ceylon Prop.—53/-. Chargola—35/6, 3d. Cons. Tea and Lands—38⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. Deundi—28/3, 6d., 6/-. Doolooguri—57/6, 6/9, 6d., 10⅛d. Dooars—74/6 ... East India and Ceylon—60/9. Eastern Assam—[illegible]. Eastern Produce—55/-. Empire—37/-, 6/6, 6/-, 6d. Galaha Ceylon—44/-, 3/9, 6d. Imperial—53/-, ... Jetinga Valley—58/9, 7/6. Jhanzie—88/9, 9/-, 8/9. Jokai—62/6, 3/-, 3d. ... Jorehaut—95/-. Longai Valley—44/-. Lungla—43/9. Lunuva—45/-. Majuli—86/6, 7⅛d., 10⅛d., 3d., 7/-, 6/3, 10⅛d., 6/-, 7/6, 8/7⅛, 8/3, 6/-, ... Moabund—75/6, 7⅛d. Nedeem—74/3, 3/-. Pandan—30/-. Peacock and Nilgiri—[illegible] ... Scottish Tea—34/6. Singlo—81/3. Travancore—5⅛, ⅛. Tea Share Trust—46/3, 5/7⅛.

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FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

FALL OF THE FRANC.

Renewed weakness of French francs was a feature in the London Foreign Exchange market yesterday. At the opening of business the rate went up to 91.50 francs to the £—against 90.97½ francs on Saturday—the worst recorded since February 14, when the quotation at one time touched 92.30 francs to the £. Later yesterday there was a slight improvement to 91.27½. Official support was then forthcoming, and the rate subsequently recovered to 90.15 francs to the £, this being the closing figure last Tuesday.

GENERAL LIFE.

It is generally understood that the Office which is negotiating for control of the General Life Assurance Company is the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation. The Corporation, after a long period of quiescence, resumed an active amalgamation policy a year or two ago. Its last acquisitions were the English Insurance Company and the Road Transport and General Assurance Company.

AUSTRALIAN BANK OF COMMERCE.

Sir Mark Sheridan presided at a meeting in Edinburgh yesterday of inscribed depositors of the Australian Bank of Commerce, called to consider a scheme for the conversion of deposits into shares, at the rate of £3 worth of deposits for £2 worth of shares. There was a good meeting, and after explanations the scheme was unanimously approved.

ARGENTINE CROPS.

The Anglo-South American Bank has received the following cable, dated, Buenos Aires, 18th February:—"Slight scattered rains have fallen generally over the whole of the maize districts, but this crop would derive enormous benefit in the final stages of growth and ripening from further rainfall. Damage by locusts continues in the districts near Buenos Aires and up-river. The cutting of wheat, linseed and oats is finished, and threshing is nearing completion. Shipments are becoming heavy, and promise to continue so. The camps are in good to fair condition, although more rain would do good everywhere. Vines and fruit are in excellent condition. In the local cereal markets, quotations for wheat, linseed, and oats are steady to firm on the week, but the price of maize is easier."

RAILWAY BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Sir W. Guy Granet, the Chairman of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway Co., will preside at this year's anniversary dinner of the Railway Benevolent Institution. As 1925 marks the railway centenary, a special appeal is being made to every Midland and Scottish stockholder to aid the funds of the Institution, which at present spending nearly £50,000 a year on providing annuities to over 2,600 widows and some 360 railwaymen, in addition to maintaining and educating 343 children.

THOMAS DE LA RUE AND CO.

It is announced that a holder of Convertible 8 per Cent. Mortgage Debenture Stock has served notice on the company that he intends to challenge the validity of the resolutions proposed to be passed at the meetings called for February 24th. The directors have decided to cancel the meetings in question. Notices of fresh meetings will be issued shortly. The objection taken is a technical one, and does not in any way affect the ultimate issue.

THE QUEENSLAND LOAN.

On the London Stock Exchange yesterday the new Queensland Loan opened at 1 prem. and eased to ⅞, but recovered afterwards and closed firm at ⅞ prem.

A site in Smith square, Westminster, London, has been taken from the L.C.C. by the Transport Workers' Union on a building lease for 99 years, at £409 a year ground rent.

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS IN AMPLE SUPPLY.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES DEPRESSED.

There was no material change in monetary conditions yesterday, the market being well supplied with funds, owing partly to purchases of March Treasuries by the banks. These were taken at 3⅛ per cent. Short loans were obtainable at 3½ down to 3 per cent., with 3 to 3¼ per cent. charged for renewals. Weekly fixtures went on at 2¾ per cent. The discount market was extremely quiet, and rates were quoted without material change. Fine three months' bills were 3⅞ to 3¾ per cent., and the New Treasuries were called 3⅞ to 3¹⁵⁄₁₆ per cent., with very few transactions recorded. Sales of supplementary Treasury bills have been suspended for the rest of the week.

Bank Rate Discount (changed July 5, 1923), 4%

60 days (Bns)	3⅞	3¾%	Trade 4	4½%
3 months		3¾%	" 4½	4⅞%
4 months	3¾	3⅞%	" 4½	5
6 months		3⅞%	" 4¾	5
Loans to brokers day-to-day			3¼	3½%
for a week			3¼	3½%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call				2 %
Discount houses, at call				2 %
at notice				2¼ %

Gold was 2d. per oz. higher at 87s. 1d. Silver improved ¹⁄₁₆d. per oz. further to 32⅝d. for spot and forward delivery.

The foreign exchange market remained depressed yesterday, sterling opening weaker at 4.75⅛ dollars, following Saturday's fall in New York. Later on, however, the rate recovered a little to 4.75⅛-4.75⅜. French francs at the opening further deteriorated at 91.70, but rallied later to 91.40-91.50, Belgian francs being 94.55-94.65 after 94.40. In the South American group, Buenos Ayres strengthened to 45⅛-45⅜, and Valparaiso to 42.90 pesos, but Rio was not quite so firm at 5⅛-5⅜. The following are closing quotations:—

—	February 23.		February 21.		Normal Rate
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½
Amsterdam	11.87	11.87½	11.87½	11.88	12.10
B. Ayres	45⅛	45⅜	45⅛	45⅜	47.58
Barcelona	33.54	33.56	33.53	33.66	25.22
Berlin	19.98	20.01	19.99	20.02	20.40
Bombay	1.5⅞	1.6⅛	1.5⅞	1/6⅛	2/0
Brussels	94.55	94.65	94.35	94.40	25.22½
Calcutta	1.5⅞	1.6⅛	1.5⅞	1.6⅛	2/0
Copenhagen	26.74	26.77	26.75	26.78	18.15
Czecho-Slov	160⅞	160⅞	160⅞	160⅞	
Finland	188⅞	189⅛	188⅞	189	25.22½
Greece	293	298	300	305	25.22½
Hong Kong	2 3⅛	2 4⅛	2 3⅞	2 4⅛	—
Hungary	343,000	348,000	343,000	348,000	—
Italy	116.35	116.40	116.15	116.25	25.22½
Kobe (p. yen)	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	1/7⅞	24.58d.
Lisbon	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	53¼d.
Madrid	33.51	33.54	33.52	33.54	25.22½
Mexico	24⅞	25⅛	24⅞	25⅛	24½d.
Montreal	4.76	4.76⅛	4.76⅛	4.76⅞	4.86
Montevideo	47⅛	47⅛	47⅛	47⅛	51d.
New York	4.76⅛	4.76⅛	4.76⅛	4.76⅜	4.86
Oslo	31.28	31.30	31.28	31.32	18.15
Paris	90.95	91.00	90.65	90.75	25.22
Poland	24.65	24.85	24.70	24.90	25.22½
Rio de Jan.	5⅛	5⅞	5⅛	5⅛	16d.
Roumania	9.70	9.75	9.55	9.65	—
Shanghai	3/1⅛	3/2⅛	3/1⅛	3/2⅛	—
Singapore	2/4		2/4		2/4⅛
Stockholm	17.64	17.66	17.67	17.68	18.15
Switzerland	24.74	24.79	24.77	24.79	25.22
Valparaiso	42.90		43.00		13.33
Vienna	336,000	342,000	338,000	340,000	—

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

CORK GAS CONSUMERS' COMPANY.—The report states that the accounts, compared with the corresponding period of 1923, show a falling off in sales of gas. The balance of profit and loss is £4,387 19/3, with which it is proposed to pay the usual dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.

DUBLIN GRANARIES.—1¼ per cent. (2/- per share) for the year ended 31st December, 1924 (same); £800 for redemption of Debs. and £1,739 forward.

WILLIAMS (H.) AND CO.—12 per cent. per annum and a bonus of 3/- per share (together as 2 2-3d per share); £3,000 to reserve and £14,865 forward. The dividend and bonus were the same a year ago.

BRUCE PEEBLES AND CO.—Directors recommend payment of the following dividends:—On Pref. at the rate of 7½ per cent. per annum, less tax, for the half-year ended December 31st last, and a further dividend of 2½ per cent. per annum, less tax, for the year ended December 31st; on Ord., 10 per cent. per annum for the year ended December 31st, less tax, together with bonus of 5 per cent., less tax.

CHARLES CLIFFORD AND SON.—Dividend on Pref. shares to December 31st, 1924, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, less tax, and six months' dividend on Ord. shares to December 31st, 1924, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, together with a bonus of 5 per cent., both free of tax.

C. AND E. MORTON.—Final dividend on the Ord. shares, making with the interim already paid 10 per cent., and a further dividend of 1 per cent. per annum, in accordance with the Memorandum of Association, making 7 per cent. on the 6 p.c. Cum. Part. Pref. shares.

EXETER GASLIGHT AND COKE.—For the year 1924 the dividends were as follows—10 per cent. per annum on original Stock, 7 per cent. per annum on new Ord. shares less tax.

ISLE OF MAN RAILWAY.—Dividends for the half-year ended December 31st last at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on the Pref. shares, and at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Ord. shares, making 5 per cent. for the year, and a bonus of 1 per cent. on the Ord. shares.

LUNAS RUBBER.—Dividend of 10 per cent. (previous dividend 12½ per cent.).

RIVER PLATE TRUST LOAN AND AGENCY CO.—Further dividend of 11 per cent. on the A Shares, making 20 per cent. for the year. A further dividend of 4 per cent. on the B Shares, making 7 per cent. for the year, and a bonus of 1/- per share on the A and B Shares.

SCOTTISH IRON AND STEEL.—Directors recommend dividend on Ord. at rate of 4 per cent., less tax.

WITBANK COLLIERY.—Dividend of 7½ per cent., free of Union of South Africa dividend tax, for the period ending 28th February, 1925.

WOOLCOMBERS.—At a Board meeting held yesterday the directors decided, subject to final audit, to recommend the payment of a dividend at the rate of 7½ per cent. per annum on the Pref. shares for the six months ended December 31st last (making with the interim dividend already paid 7½ per cent. for the year), and a dividend on the Ord. shares at the rate of 2/3 per share (same as last year).

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Monday.

All the United States markets have been closed to-day.

Winnipeg.—Wheat opened firm, 1c. to ⅛c. up, and closed firm, 1⅛c. to ⅛c. higher. Opening options—May, 197⅛; July, 190⅛. Closing options—May, 198; July, 190⅛. Oats steady at ⅛c. advance. Closing option—May, 61⅛. Flaxseed firm, 3c. dearer. Closing option—May, 267.

Wheat.—Carlot receipts—To-day's total, 264,000; Saturday's, 359,000.

MONTREAL, Monday.

Cable transfers on London, 4.76⅛.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather—Westerly wind, moderate breeze; fine and clear.

Foreign Arrival—Ss. Granja, of Dublin, 396 tons register, Captain Hagan, from Boulogne and Havre, with a general cargo; discharging at Sir John Rogerson's quay.

Coastwise Arrivals—Ss. Slievemore, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Carrowdore, from London, with empties; ss. J. and J. Monks, from Garston, with coals; ss. Slieve Donard, from Holyhead, light.

Foreign Departures—Ss. Lord Antrim, of Dublin, 2,753 tons register, Captain Jarvis, for Belfast, with part cargo (general). Ss. Glen Head, of Belfast, 994 tons register, Captain Gibson, for Belfast, with part cargo (general). Ss. Cato, of Hull, 855 tons register, Captain Hopley, for Manchester, with part cargo (general).

Coastwise Departures—Ss. Slieve Donard, ss. Snowdon, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Brier, for Heysham, with goods; ss. Maple, for Glasgow, with goods; ss. Patricia, for Cardiff, with goods; ss. Yarrow, for Silloth, with goods; ss. Ardmore, for Liverpool and Birkenhead, with live stock and goods; ss. Clareisland, for Manchester, with porter.

ARMADALE CASTLE, from Southampton, arrived Port Natal 21.
AVON, for Southampton, left Rio Janeiro 22.
BAKANA, from West Africa, arrived Hull 21.
CITY OF HONG KONG, Liverpool for Bombay, arrived Port Said 22.
CITY OF TOKIO, for London, left Port Sudan 22.
CELTIC, from New York, arrived the Mersey 23.
GAVINA, from Jamaica, arrived Avonmouth 22.
CORFE CASTLE, from London, arrived Port Natal 21.
CARDIGANSHIRE, for Liverpool, arrived Portland 22.
CALEDONIA, Liverpool for New York, left Boston 22.
CALEDONIA, London for Bombay, called Aden 22.
DALTONIAN, for Manchester, left New York 22.
ELYSIA, Clyde for Bombay, arrived Port Said 23.
EBANI, Port Harcourt for Hull, called Las Palmas 21.
ESSEX, from Liverpool, arrived Melbourne 23.
GASCON, for England, left Teneriffe 21.
GOORKHA, for London, left Buenos Ayres 21.
HIGHLAND ..., for London, left Colombo 21.
HONIN, for Pera City, left the Clyde 21.
KARMALA, London for Japan, left Malta 21.
KALYAN, Yokohama for London, left Marseilles 22.
KASHGAR, London for Japan, left Hong Kong 22.
KHYBER, London for Sydney, left Colombo 22.
MANOA, for London, left Colombo 22.
MANORA, from New York, arrived Hull 21.
MENOMINEE, from London, arrived Port Said 23.
MINNEWASKA, from New York, arr. Gravesend 23.
MANZANARES, from Santa Marta, arrived the Mersey 21.
MULBERA, Beira for London, called Plymouth 23.
MALWA, for London, left Kobe 22.
MANTUA, London for Japan, left Colombo 22.
MARMORA, from London, arrived Melbourne 23.
MOLDAVIA, Sydney for London, left Marseilles 22.
NYANZA, London for Calcutta, left Suez 21.
NOVIAN, for London, left New York 23.
PAROA, from London, arrived Colombo 22.
PORT KEMBLA, from London, arrived Sydney 21.
RUAHINE, from Wellington, arrived Gravesend 23.
REPUBLIC, Cherbourg for New York, called Queenstown 21.
STUDIONE, from Glasgow, arrived Barbados 23.
THURINGIA, New York for Hamburg, called Queenstown 21.
UMBA, from London, arrived Delagoa Bay 22.
VALENCIA, for Calcutta, left the Clyde 21.
WESTPHALIA, Hamburg for New York, called Queenstown 22.
WARRIOR, from London, arrived Natal 21.
ZENE, for Santa Marta, left Hull 21.

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... TABLE D'HOTE ...

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.'S SALES.

SALE TO-DAY (TUESDAY), AT 110 GRAFTON STREET, AT 2 P.M.,

FIRST-CLASS PRIVATE OR PROFESSIONAL RESIDENCE,

61 FITZWILLIAM SQUARE, N.

CLEAR POSSESSION. In the best position in the Square. Southern aspect. A very considerable expenditure made within the last few years in building and other permanent improvements; electric light, copper piping, extra large boiler and circulating cisterns, 2 bathrooms.

Held under lease and reversionary lease for unexpired period of 86 years, subject, till March, 1941, to £12 11s. 10d., and thereafter to £30 per annum.

Messrs. FRENCH and FRENCH, Solicitors, 7 Stephen's Green.

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CLEAR POSSESSION. One of the best Houses in the Square. A sound, well-built structure, with unusually large garden; choice situation; close to two trams. Lease for 900 years. Ground rent, £8. The House is roomy and in good order.

Messrs. MOLLOY, FAYLE and CO., Solicitors, 18 Eustace street.

ON VIEW TO-DAY.

SALE TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND THURSDAY.

61 FITZWILLIAM SQUARE.

ANTIQUE FURNITURE, DENTAL APPLIANCES, &c.

By directions of S. N. MANNING, Esq., who intends practising entirely in London,

MESSRS. JAMES H. NORTH and CO. will SELL THE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE and EFFECTS, including:

Ash's Dental Pump Chair, fitted with fountain spittoon; Ash's Suspension Lamp and Wall Bracket Lamp, Ritter's Dental Engine, High-frequency Apparatus, with table and fittings; Operating Stool, Ionic Medication Outfit, Gas Steriliser, Electric Fan, Kettles, etc., etc.

ANTIQUE AND OTHER FURNITURE; Paintings, Engravings, Waterford Glass, Sheffield Plate.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO., AUCTIONEERS, 110 GRAFTON STREET.

JAMES J. SCANNELL'S AUCTION.

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), FEBRUARY 25,

AT 4 BACHELOR'S WALK,

SALE OF EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF SUPERIOR ANTIQUE AND MODERN FURNITURE, PIANOS, CARPETS, BEDSTEADS, &c.,

Comprising—Magnificent 5ft. Italian Walnut Bedroom Suite, with satin finish; All-Brass Double Bedstead, upholstered Spring Mattress, Hair Mattress, Bolster and Pillows, originally supplied by Pim Bros. at a cost of £150; 5ft. Inlaid Mahogany Bedroom Suite, 4ft. Sheraton Bedroom Suite, with reflex mirrors to Dressing Chest; 5ft. Dark Oak Inlaid Bedroom Suite, 4ft. Mahogany Inlaid Bedroom Suite, 4ft. Walnut and Burr Bedroom Suite, 4ft. Light Oak Bedroom Suite, 4ft. Satin Walnut ditto, 3ft. Satin Walnut Bedroom Suite, 3ft. 6in. Sheraton Wardrobe, 4ft. Mahogany Wardrobe, half sliding trays and hanging; 4ft. Mahogany Chest of Drawers; very fine Antique Carved Mahogany Sideboard, knee-hole centre; 7ft. Fully-enclosed Mahogany Sideboard, with bevelled mirror back; two 6ft. Walnut Sideboards, 5ft. Brown Oak ditto, 6ft. Walnut Sideboard, with shaped and bevelled mirror back; two 4ft. Mahogany Sideboards, 9-Piece Walnut Diningroom Suite, in frieze velvet; 9-Piece ditto in saddlebags; 9-Piece ditto, in Morocco leather; six Parlour Suites, in stamped velvet and tapestry; 8ft. Oak Telescope Dining Table, 10ft. Mahogany ditto, 6ft. Stained Telescope Dining Table, 10 superior Walnut and Oak Diningroom Overmantels, 4 Walnut and Oak Hall Stands, Chesterfield Settee, in tapestry; Settee, and 2 Easy Chairs, in hide; a number of Coloured Prints after Moreland and Wheatley, etc.; 8 superior Black and Brass Double Beds, with Wire, Woven and Hair Mattresses; several Single Beds complete; Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses; Cottage Piano, by Collard and Collard; 6 Mahogany Chairs, upholstered in American cloth; 6 Panel-back Mahogany Chairs and 2 Arm Chairs, upholstered in crimson velvet; Berkel Bacon Slicer, up-to-date, in perfect order; 4ft. 6in. Mahogany Bookcase, 12 Mahogany Oval and Round Centre Tables, 2 very fine Inlaid Burr Walnut ditto, Inlaid Drawingroom Centre Tables and Palm Stands; Couches and Easy Chairs, in American cloth; Kitchen Furniture and Utensils, etc., etc.

SALE AT 1 O'CLOCK. ON VIEW TO-DAY.

JOHN J. CONNOLLY'S SALES.

15 WALTHAM TERRACE, BLACKROCK,

TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), AT 1 O'CLOCK P.M.,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, UPRIGHT COTTAGE PIANO.

JOHN J. CONNOLLY has been instructed to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises, as above, the ENTIRE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, chiefly comprising—Upright Cottage Piano, in inlaid case; Ebony Table, All-Brass Floor Lamp, Drawingroom Suite, in figured plush; handsome Inlaid Walnut Cabinet, with mirrored back and doors; Walnut and Ebony Overmantels, Diningroom Tables, Diningroom Chairs, Mahogany Bookcase, Mahogany Cabinet, Sofas, Carpets, H. Rugs, Door Mats, Mahogany Hall Stand, and Chairs to match; Oil Paintings; Double and Single Brass-mounted Beds, Hair Mattresses, Bedroom Suites, Painted Wardrobes, Oval D. Glass, Singer (Hand) Sewing Machine, Invalid Chair, Commode, Screw-top Mangle, Kitchen Dresser, Kitchen Tables, Dinner Service, Glass, China, quantity of Books; Kitchen Utensils, etc., etc. On View Morning of Sale, 9.30 o'clock to hour of Sale.

JOHN J. CONNOLLY, P.C., AUCTIONEER & VALUER, 11 MAIN STREET, BLACKROCK. TEL. 22.

GAINSBORO' HOUSE SALEROOMS.

SALE THIS DAY AND TO-MORROW, AT 12 NOON

(AS ALREADY FULLY ADVERTISED).

PLAYER PIANO, BY KASTNER; BOUDOIR GRAND AND COTTAGE PIANOS, ANTIQUE AND MODERN HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SILVER, OLD SHEFFIELD PLATE, MINIATURES, OIL PAINTINGS, SETS OF HEPPELWHITE AND SHERATON CHAIRS, SIDEBOARDS, GEORGIAN DINING AND OTHER TABLES, "ADAM" CHEVAL GLASS, MAHOGANY AND ALL-BRASS BEDSTEADS AND BEDDING.

ELECTRIC NATIONAL CASH REGISTER, 5 DEPARTMENTS, PRACTICALLY NEW; 4-VALVE WIRELESS SET, WITH ACCESSORIES.

FOR ANOTHER ACCOUNT—STOCK OF CONFECTIONERY AND CIGARETTES.

PURCHASERS TO PAY 5 PER CENT. FEES.

PIANOS, CASH REGISTER AND WIRELESS SET WILL BE SOLD AT 2.30 TO-DAY.

WM. MONTGOMERY & SON, M.I.A.A., GAINSBORO' HOUSE, 24 SUFFOLK STREET, DUBLIN.

FURNITURE AUCTION THIS DAY.

1 WOODSTOCK GARDENS, SANDFORD ROAD, RANELAGH.

WE have been instructed by Owner to SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises, the Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS, including—Oakland 5-Seater Motor Car, with self-starter, electric light, in almost new condition; Walnut Cottage Piano, full compass, trichord; Mahog. Mirrored Sideboard, Inlaid China Cabinet, 3-Piece Leather Suite, Mahog. Overmantel; Fenders and Brasses, Gilt Console Table, 5ft. Bow-front Inlaid Bedroom Suite, Mahog. 4ft. ditto, Mahog. Inlaid Bed and Spring, Bedding, Oak Mirrored-back Sideboard, Mahog. Loo Table (star top), Gilt and Walnut Mirror, about 120 Yards of Inlaid Linoleum through house; Electric Heater and Electric Fittings through house; Gramophone and Records, Ebonised Corner Cabinet, Hearth Rugs and Mats, Painted Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Kitchen Dresser, Delph, China, Glass, Ornaments, and Pictures. Motor Car Selling 1 o'clock. Sale at one o'clock. Fees, 5 per cent.

F. BENNETT & CO., AUCTIONEERS & VALUERS, 18 BACHELOR'S WALK. TEL.—1734.

ON VIEW THIS DAY (11 a.m.) and TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IMPORTANT SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION OF EXHIBITION WORKS OF ART.

Removed from WEMBLEY EXHIBITION and other sources to 38 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION

Will commence at the above Premises, On TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), 25th FEB., 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., and will be continued thereafter until the entire Collection is Sold.

MESSRS. WILKINSON & HYMAN have received instructions to SELL by PUBLIC AUCTION a most valuable and high-class Collection of Exhibition Works of Art, comprising:—Rare Ivory Carvings, Japanese Cloisonne, Chinese Enamels, Satsuma Vases, Koros, etc.; Japanese hand-carved Screens, inlaid with Ivory and Mother of Pearl; hand carved Pedestals, Real Cut Crystal Wine and Liqueur Services, Sevres Vases, Placques, etc.; Venetian Glass Vases, mounted in Ormolu; Westminster Chiming Grandfather, Grandmother and Bracket Clocks, Old Sheffield Plate, Cabinets of Cutlery, containing 150 Pieces, complete on stands; Japanese Noritake Trinket Sets, China Coffee Set, in Cases; rare Antique Miniatures, painted on ivory, by well-known Continental Artists; Crown Derby Decorated China Tea Services, old Vienna Vases, Placques, Coffee Services, richly painted; old Bohemian Glass, old Sheffield Candlesticks, Candelabra, Entree Dishes, Tea Caddies, etc.; real solid Silver and Enamelled Dressing Sets, in velvet and silk-lined cases; Tortoise-Shell Dressing Sets and miscellaneous effects too numerous to mention. ON VIEW THIS MORNING.

The Auctioneers beg respectfully to call the public's attention to the high-class nature of this collection. Goods have been removed to the premises, as above, for convenience of Sale. Terms—Cash. NO RESERVE. For any further particulars apply on the premises to Mr. W. WILKINSON, or Mr. A. HYMAN, 38 GRAFTON STREET, DUBLIN.

GRAZING TO LET PRIVATELY.

54 ACRES AT THE WARD.
44 and 27 ACRES AT TALLAGHT.
37 AT FINGLAS.

R. & J. WILKINSON, M.I.A.A.

STORE CATTLE SALES

EVERY THURSDAY. ENTRIES INVITED.

R. & J. WILKINSON, M.I.A.A., 40 and 41 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN.

ON VIEW TO-DAY.

SALE TO-MORROW, at 12.30, at 40 WEXFORD STREET,

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

LICENSED GROCER'S UTENSILS, FIREPROOF SAFE, WALNUT CASH REGISTER, CORKING MACHINE, etc. Purchasers to pay five per cent. Auction Fees.

ANDREW J. KEOGH, Auctioneer, 10 LOWER ORMOND QUAY.

COUNTY ANTRIM.

HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE AUCTION OF CHOICE

COUNTRY MANSION HOUSE,

Known as MOOREFORT, BALLYMONEY, TOGETHER WITH 110 ACRES OF LAND, HELD FOR EVER FREE OF RENT.

AUCTION ON THE PREMISES, On WEDNESDAY, 4th MARCH, At Twelve o'clock noon,

For WILLIAM GEOFFREY MOORE, Esq.

TO BE SOLD as above, ALL THAT VERY CHOICE COUNTRY MANSION HOUSE, together with 154 ACRES OF LAND, held for ever free of rent, situated within three miles of Ballymoney, ON THE BANKS OF THE BANN, and within half a mile of Macfin Railway Station.

THE HOUSE IS A MAGNIFICENT GEORGIAN STRUCTURE, and contains large diningroom and drawingroom, 9 bedrooms, kitchen, scullery, dairy, etc. THE OFFICE HOUSES ARE EXTENSIVE, AND EMBRACE EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO THE HOLDING.

THERE IS A BEAUTIFUL WALLED-IN GARDEN and Orchard of over an acre, well planted with good fruit trees and bushes.

THE PROPERTY IS BEAUTIFULLY TIMBERED, and the situation is ideal in every way, convenient to good shooting, fishing, golf, etc. There is a nice avenue approached from the County road, with Porter Lodge, also a back avenue, with Porter Lodge, to Farmyard. There are 3 COTTIER HOUSES convenient, which the purchaser can have the option of buying.

CARDS TO VIEW CAN BE HAD ON APPLICATION.

For Title, etc., apply to CROOKSHANK, LEECH, and DAVIES, Coleraine, Solicitors for Vendor.

RICHARD HUNTER & SONS, Auctioneers, COLERAINE.

FOR SENDING ABROAD TO FRIENDS, the best Irish Paper is the "WEEKLY IRISH TIMES." Price Twopence.

NEWRY STREET, BANBRIDGE.

VALUABLE FREEHOLD PREMISES, WITH MOTOR AND CYCLE BUSINESS FOR SALE.

I HAVE received instructions from Mr. John Cannaway, TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Messrs. WILLIS BROS. BANBRIDGE SALEROOMS, on MONDAY, 2nd MARCH, 1925, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m.

LOT 1.—All that Shop Dwellinghouses, Numbers 52 and 54 Newry street, Banbridge, held for ever, subject to the yearly rent of £1 6/5.

LOT 2.—All that Shop Dwellinghouse, Number 56 Newry street, Banbridge, held with Lot 1 for ever, subject to the yearly rent of 13/-.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

The premises are situate in the Main street of the town. In Lot 1 Vendor has for some years carried on an extensive business in the Motor and Cycle trade. These premises have recently been renovated at considerable cost. They have a frontage of 24 feet 9 inches, and the Shop has a ground floor space of over 600 feet. There is a large window in the Shop and glass doors in Showroom, and front entrance for motor cars to the Shop, which, with the garage in the rere, is fitted with electric light.

The Residential part of the premises comprises 10 apartments in addition to Shop.

At the rere of the premises there is a recently built two-storey garage and workshop, with a floor space of upwards of 1,500 feet, with a good access from the Main street, and same has all modern requirements for motor and cycle repairs.

There are also petrol and oil stores.

There is a garden in the rere.

Lot 2.—This Lot adjoins the above and comprises a good Shop, in which Mr. William Bambrick carries on an extensive business as saddler. They are let as a monthly tenancy at the monthly rent of £1 4/6, tenant paying rates.

There is also a garden in the rere of this Lot.

The town water supply is laid on in all the premises.

For further particulars as to Title, Conditions of Sale, etc., apply to ROBERT S. HERON, Solicitor, Banbridge, Rathfriland, Castlewellan, etc.

F. B. SMALL, Auctioneer and Valuer, DRUMCRO HOUSE, MARALIN, and BANBRIDGE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION—IN BANKRUPTCY.

In the Matter of AN ARRANGING DEBTOR.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

AT THE AUCTION MART OF RUSSELL BROS., REGENT STREET, NEWTOWNARDS, On THURSDAY, the 12th day of MARCH, 1925, At the hour of 12 o'clock noon,

ALL THE ESTATE AND INTEREST of the Debtor in and to:—

LOT 1.—All those Premises, consisting of Flax Scutching and Flour Mill, large Stores, and Flax Retting Tanks and Offices. The boiler, engine, and other machinery have only been installed a few years, and are in good working order. There are several workers' houses adjoining. The Premises are held under Fee-Farm Conversion Grant, subject to the yearly rent of £6 9s. 3d.

LOT 2.—All that superior Farm, Garden, and Plantation, known as Tuber-na-Carrig, containing 67 acres 1 rood and 7 perches, Statute measure, in the townland of Kircubbin and Innishargie, Kircubbin, County Down, held under Indenture of Lease for 99 years from 1st November, 1897, at the yearly rent of £104. There is a very superior Residence thereon, containing 3 large reception rooms, 7 bedrooms, large entrance hall, servants' rooms, bathroom, wash-house, milk room, store, large kitchen, etc. There is a Porter Lodge. The Out-offices consist of ample stabling, byres, barn, cattle sheds, piggeries, implement shed, garage forming an enclosed yard. The large garden is amply stocked with fruit trees.

LOT 3.—All that Part of the Lands of Kircubbin, containing 25 acres and 18 perches, Statute measure, or thereabouts, held under an Indenture of Lease for a term of 76 years, subject to the yearly rent of £40.

Lot No. 2 and No. 3 adjoin, and have been worked as one holding. The land on both holdings is of good quality, well fenced and drained, and in the highest state of cultivation.

The biddings taken by the Auctioneer will be submitted to the Court, at the Courthouse, Belfast, on Friday, the 20th day of March, 1925, when, if approved of, the Purchaser will be declared.

A Statement of Title and Conditions of Sale are lodged in the Office of the Court, and may be seen also in the Office of the undernamed Solicitor having Carriage of the Sale.

Dated this 17th day of February, 1925.

ARTHUR J. WEIR, Registrar.

No Auctioneers' Fees will be charged to Purchasers.

Proposals for Purchase by Private Contract will be received by the Official Assignee up to the hour of Twelve o'clock noon on the 10th day of March, 1925. If an offer be made which can be recommended by the Vendors, it will be submitted to the Court for approval without further notice.

For further information apply to FREDERICK G. HILL, O.B.E., Official Assignee, Courthouse, Belfast; to the undersigned Solicitors having Carriage of the Sale, 30 Chichester street, Belfast, where may be seen Statement of Title and Conditions of Sale; or to the Auctioneers.

WHITE, McMILLAN, and WHEELER, Solicitors, 30 Chichester street, Belfast.

RUSSELL BROTHERS, Auctioneers, Newtownards.

SALE TO-DAY AT 12 O'CLOCK.

ADAM'S SALEROOMS, 19 STEPHEN'S GREEN, NORTH.

TO-DAY (TUESDAY), 24th FEBRUARY, And TO-MORROW, at 12 o'clock.

AUCTION SALE OF A VERY LARGE COLLECTION OF SUPERIOR MODERN AND ANTIQUE FURNITURE, PIANOS, GRAMOPHONE, and Miscellaneous Effects, etc., comprising:—Broadwood Player Piano and Rolls; Upright Pianos by Brard and other; Cabinet Gramophone; Sheraton China and Corner Cabinets; Chesterfield and other Couches; Divan, Easy and small Chairs; 3 Antique Sheraton Mah. and other 3-door Bookcases; Revolving and Occ. ditto; cylinder-front Bureau Bookcase; Davenport; Antique Mah. Falling-leaf and End Sutherland Tea, Loo, and Occasional Tables; Wal. mirrored and Mah. Sideboards, Telescope Dinner Tables, Dinner Wagons, Cheffonieres and Sets Antique and Modern Dining Chairs; Overmantels; Oil Paintings; Water Colours and Prints; Grandfather Clock; Barometer; Ax., Indian and Brussels Carpets and Rugs; Linos.; Curtains; Antique Brass Fenders and Boxes; Table Glass and China; Plated Ware; Sheraton, Mah., American and Satin Walnut Bedroom Suites; Mah. 3-door mirrored and Gent.'s Wardrobes, Duchess Dressing Tables, Chests Drawers; Toilet Glasses and Ware; all-Brass, B. and I. and Oak Bedsteads; Spring and Hair Mattresses; Feather Beds, Blankets and Bedding; good Deal Bedroom Furniture; Presses; Kitchen Dressers, Mangles, Furniture and Utensils; Lawn Mowers, Hose and Tools; Step Ladders; Lady's and Gent.'s Cycles; Prams; Yost Typewriters; Books, etc. On View To-day, 10 till 12. Sale To-day (Tuesday), 24th, and To-morrow. Purchasers to pay 5 per cent. Auction Fees.

JAMES ADAM & SONS, Auctioneers and Appraisers, 17 MERRION ROW and 19 STEPHEN'S GREEN.

CLONTARF.

VALUABLE BUILDING ESTATE

Of about 5½ acres, with valuable frontage on Clontarf Road of 548 feet and on the Howth Road (Dublin side of Railway) of 650 feet, ripe for immediate development without outlay for road making.

Subject to the Tenancies and other particulars in Conditions of Sale.

Entire held from the Vernon Estate for a term of 400 years from 25th March, 1843, leaving 318 years unexpired at the adjusted rent of £36 0s. 2d.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, IN TWO LOTS BY

JAMES ADAM and SONS, at their PROPERTY SALEROOM, 17 MERRION ROW, DUBLIN, On MONDAY, the 2nd day of MARCH, 1925. At the hour of One o'clock.

The Premises known as Kingscourt House and Cottage adjoining, also Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Annesbrook, stand on portion of the ground on Clontarf road. Possession of No. 1 Annesbrook and Cottage will be given.

Measurements are approximate and are to be taken as more or less, and tenancies to be taken subject to particulars in Conditions of Sale. The land is attractive and

VALUABLE FOR BUILDING.

The Clontarf Road frontage can be developed without much outlay, and affords good sites for Shops and Dwellings on the sea front likely to command good rents. The ground fronting the Howth Road also forms a desirable site for building.

The situation is very good, and should afford a substantial return to a purchaser with judgment and capital.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

E. R. McC. DIX, Esq., 24 Clare Street, Dublin, Solicitor for Vendor, having Carriage of Sale; or to

JAMES ADAM & SONS, Auctioneers, Appraisers, and Estate Agents, 17 MERRION ROW and 19 STEPHEN'S GREEN, DUBLIN.

WILMOUNT.

KILLINEY (OFF THE VILLAGE).

FRIDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1925.

AUCTION SALE OF SUPERIOR FURNITURE, PIANO, OLD OIL PAINTINGS, etc., comprising briefly: Cadby Upright Piano, Walnut Music Cabinet, Sheraton China Cabinet, Couches, Easy and Occasional Chairs, Walnut Mirror-back Sideboard, Mah. 2-door Bookcase, Telescope Dinner Table and Dining Chairs, Overmantels and Mirrors, Clocks, Hall Table and Chairs, Antique Oak Slope-front Secretary, Dinner and Tea Services, Table Glass and China, Bohemian Lustres, Ornamental China, Brussels and Ax. Carpets and Rugs, Curtains, Brass Fenders and Brasses, Chamber and Occasional Tables, Plated Ware and Cutlery, Antique Needlework Screen and Pictures, Lamps, Pr. Old Coloured Engravings, by J. R. Smith; Old Oil Paintings, including Portraits; Old Paintings of Holy Family, Landscape, etc.; Mah. and other 2-door Wardrobes, Mah. and Satin Walnut Chests Drawers, Duchesse Toilet Tables, Glasses and Ware; Brass and Iron and Oak Bedsteads, Spring and Hair Mattresses, Blankets and Bedding; Oak Couch Bed, Commodes, House Linen, Kitchen Dresser, Mangle, Furniture and Utensils; Step Ladder, Meat Safe, etc. On View Morning of Sale, 10 till 12. Sale Friday, 27th, at 12 o'c. Purchasers to pay 5 per cent. Auction Fees.

JAMES ADAM & SONS, Auctioneers and Appraisers, 17 MERRION ROW and 19 STEPHEN'S GREEN.

DOCKRELL LIMITED. AUCTIONEERS.

PROPERTY AUCTION,

TO-DAY (TUESDAY), AT 1.15 O'CLOCK, AT OUR PROPERTY SALEROOMS, SOUTH GREAT GEORGE'S STREET.

TRUST ESTATE, CALVERT AND LUNDY, 29 & 30 FLEET STREET.

WE are instructed by the Trustee in the above matter to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the hour of 1.15 o'clock, TO-DAY (TUESDAY), at our PROPERTY SALEROOMS, South Great George's street, Dublin, the Interest in the Lease of the Business Premises of Messrs. Calvert and Lundy, situate at 29 and 30 Fleet street, Dublin.

The entire is held for a term of 35 years from the 1st February, 1911, at the yearly rent of £70, lessees paying rates and taxes. P.L. Valuation, £70.

Also the Interest in the Lease of Yard and Stables, situate in Windmill lane (off Creighton street and Townsend street), at the back of Sir John Rogerson's quay. These premises consist of a large yard, 150ft. x 36ft., or thereabouts, with corrugated iron shed, 45ft. x 21ft., carried on metal uprights. There is also a stable. Held on lease for 99 years from 1911, subject to a rent of £20 per annum.

For further particulars apply to G. H. TULLOCH, Esq., F.C.A., 40/41 Dame street;

Messrs. E. F. COLLINS and SON, Temple Chambers, 19 Eustace street, Dublin, Solicitors having Carriage of Sale.

ST FINDA'S, SANDFORD ROAD.

A CHOICELY SITUATED DETACHED VILLA, WITH POSSESSION.

Thoroughly well-built and in a very pleasant position, with open fields at rear; 3 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms, maid's room, hot bath, kitchen; good garden; side entrance. The purchaser will get vacant possession. Lease 500 years. Head rent, £7 10s. 0d. P.L. Valuation, £35.

Orders to View from the AUCTIONEERS.

S. KERR, Esq., Solicitor, 43 Dame street.

IMPORTANT SALE OF

PEDIGREE STOCK,

AT BALLYOWEN, CLONDALKIN.

HAVING Sold the Farm, we are instructed by Ernest Bewley, Esq., to SELL on TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), AT 12 O'CLOCK, His well-known herd of 65 PEDIGREE JERSEY CATTLE (Bulls, Cows, Heifers and Calves).

On the same day we will Sell the Farm Produce, including 60 TONS HAY, 18 TONS POTATOES, 20 TONS MANGOLDS, 200 TONS MANURE.

ON FRIDAY NEXT, 27th FEBRUARY, We will Sell his entire herd of about 65 LARGE WHITE YORK PIGS,

And all the Farm Utensils, Horses, etc., including 6 useful Working Horses, Jennet, Reaper and Binder (Massey Harris), 2 Mowing Machines (one of which has reaping attachment), 5 Farm Carts, 3 Hay Bogies, Harness, Ploughs, Harrows, Grubbers, Roller Swath Turner, Potato Digger, Hay Rakes, Turnip Sower, Oat Crusher and Turnip Slicer (for power), Pony Spring Cart, Water Cart, Liquid Manure Distributor, Telescopic and other Ladders, Tools, New Acetylene Gas Gasometer, Steam Turbine Separator, Dairy Utensils, etc., etc.

TUESDAY, 3rd MARCH, At DUNDRUM.

WE are instructed by Mr. GEORGE TRACY, who is going abroad, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Premises at BALLINTEER ROAD, DUNDRUM, his ENTIRE CONTRACTORS' PLANT, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, and 5 CATTLE, comprising Walnut Sideboard, with mirror-back; Walnut Dining Table, Overmantel Mirror; Couch, in Tapestry; Octagonal Table, 2 Easy Chairs, Mahog. Hall Stand, Satin Walnut Bedroom Suite, Stained Wood Wardrobe, Mahog. Dressing Table, Windsor and Cane-seat Chairs, Axminster Carpet, Double and Single Bedsteads, Lino., etc.; Kitchen Furniture, Dinner Service, 2 Churns, Dresser, Tables, and miscellaneous Furniture.

OUTDOOR EFFECTS—7 Tons Hay, Horse, Cart and Harness; Raleigh Trap with rubber tyres (by Hutton), 1919 10 h.p. Alldays 2-seater Car, with electric light; 1917 8 h.p. Jap Combination; 3 h.p. Crossley Paraffin Engine, Ford Delivery Van; 5 forward Springers; Saw Bench, 30 12ft. Planks, 2 8ft. Double Ladders, 1 6ft. Double Ladder, 1 26ft. Double Ladder, 2 Slate Ladders, 24 Sheets of Corrugated Iron, 7ft.; 4 Wheel Barrows, 6 Tons Firewood, Galvanised Hut, Smoke Testing Machine, Hoist and Pulley Blocks, lot ½-inch Reinforcing Bars, Saw Bench, Pick Shovels, Rammers and miscellaneous Tools, etc.

DOCKRELL LIMITED, M.I.A.A., Auctioneers and Valuers, SOUTH GREAT GEORGE'S STREET, DUBLIN.

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BUSINESS, BUSINESS PREMISES, LANDS, ETC.

SALE AND WANTED.

A SECOND Floor Office to Let; electric light.—12 St. Andrew street. T

A SHOP and House to be Sold in Golden lane.—G 781, this office.

BRAY—To Let, Forge, in Castle street, suitable for any business. Apply to Smith, Belton House, Bray. 20 O

BUILDING Sites to Let, near Milltown Golf Links, convenient tram, train; main drainage, Vartry, gas; on road, splendid open position.—G 844, this office.

CENTRAL City—To be Let, splendid Premises, shop and basement, new.—North and Co., Grafton street. 20 X

FIRST Class Investment, £240 per annum, arising out of city Premises.—North and Co., Grafton street. 20 X

GARAGE to Let; light and water installed. Apply Windsor Hotel, Westland Row. 19 B

GARAGE, concrete, water, excellent entrance, yard; very moderate.—11 Grosvenor square, Rathmines. 20 O

GROCERY, Provisions, with or without off licence; suburbs preferred, good district; or fully licensed House, doing grocery trade; moderate.—G 751, this office. 22 D

PATRICK O'CONNOR & SON, LIMITED.

NEXT THURSDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

SALE OF FARM, TALBOTSTOWN HOUSE, BRITTAS, CO. DUBLIN.

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RAILWAYS.

GREAT SOUTHERN RAILWAYS

TRAIN ALTERATIONS, MARCH, 1925.

On and from MONDAY, 2nd MARCH, the following alterations will come into operation:—

The 7.30 a.m. Down Day Mail, Kingsbridge to Cork, will be altered to leave at 7.0 a.m., and be accelerated in running, arriving in Cork at 10.55 a.m.

The 3.40 p.m. Up Day Mail, Cork to Kingsbridge, will be altered to leave at 4.0 p.m., and be accelerated in running, and arrive Kingsbridge as at present.

The 9.30 a.m. Kingsbridge to Cork will be accelerated in running, and arrive in Cork at 2.25 p.m.

The 4.55 p.m. Kingsbridge to Cork will be altered to leave at 5.0 p.m., be accelerated in running, and arrive in Cork at 9.43 p.m.

The 8.30 a.m. Limerick Junction to Cork will be altered to leave at 8.40 a.m., and cease to run beyond Mallow.

The 11.10 a.m. Mallow to Cork will be altered to leave at 10.40 a.m.

The 9.40 p.m. Mallow to Cork will be altered to leave at 9.30 p.m.

The 1.30 p.m. Cork to Mallow will be altered to leave at 1.20 p.m.

The 8.20 a.m. Kildare to Kilkenny will be altered to leave at 7.50 a.m.

The 7.40 a.m. Kilkenny to Kildare will be altered to leave at 7.45 a.m.

The 8.50 a.m. Maryborough to Waterford will be altered to leave at 8.20 a.m.

The 9.20 a.m. Ballybrophy to Limerick will be altered to leave at 8.50 a.m. Nenagh, depart at 10.30 a.m.

The 9.45 a.m. Roscrea to Birr will be altered to leave at 9.15 a.m.

The 11.55 a.m. Birdhill to Killaloe will be altered to leave at 11.25 a.m.

The 11.25 a.m. Killaloe to Birdhill will be altered to leave at 11.0 a.m.

The 8.50 a.m. Limerick to Waterford will be altered to leave at 8.35 a.m.

The 11.35 a.m. Limerick to Waterford will be altered to leave at 11.30 a.m.

The 4.20 p.m. Limerick to Waterford will be altered to leave at 4.35 p.m.

The 10.20 a.m. Limerick Junction to Limerick will be altered to leave at 8.45 a.m., and call at intermediate stations.

The 7.30 a.m. Waterford to Limerick will be altered to leave Limerick Junction at 9.40 a.m., and run non-stop to Limerick.

The 9.55 a.m. Thurles to Clonmel will be altered to leave at 9.30 a.m.

The 12.15 p.m. Thurles to Clonmel will be altered to leave at 12.5 p.m.

The 1.30 p.m. Fermoy to Mitchelstown will be altered to leave at 1.20 p.m.

The 12.25 p.m. Mitchelstown to Fermoy will be altered to leave at 12.15 p.m.

The 10.55 a.m. Tralee to Limerick will be altered in running, Newcastle West to Limerick.

The 11.30 a.m. Limerick to Sligo will be altered to leave at 10.40 a.m.

The 3.0 p.m. Limerick to Tuam will be altered to leave at 2.10 p.m.

The 9.0 a.m. Tuam to Limerick will be altered in running, Claremorris to Limerick.

The 9.0 a.m. Sligo to Limerick will be altered in running Ennis to Limerick.

The 4.30 p.m. Tuam to Limerick will be altered to leave at 5.20 p.m., and give a connection off the 2.30 p.m. ex Broadstone.

A new Train will leave Athenry for Claremorris at 4.15 p.m., giving connection Galway to Westport.

The 9.30 a.m. Charleville to Limerick will be accelerated in running.

The 7.45 a.m. Waterford to Wexford (S.) will be altered to leave at 7.30 a.m., and run to Wexford North, arriving there at 9.5 a.m.

The 8.45 a.m., Rosslare Harbour to Wexford, will leave at 8.25 a.m.

The 6.0 a.m., 11.55 a.m., 2.40 p.m., 5.20 p.m., ex Rosslare Harbour, and the 8.0 p.m. and 9.10 p.m., ex Rosslare Strand, will cease to call at Wexford South and arrive Wexford North, 10 minutes later than at present.

The 7.40 a.m., 12 noon, 2.40 p.m., 5.20 p.m., 7.15 p.m., 8.30 p.m. ex Wexford South, will start from Wexford North at 7.40 a.m., 11.50 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 5.10 p.m., 7.5 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., and will cease to call at Wexford South.

The 11.30 a.m., Mallow to Fermoy, will be altered to leave at 11.20 a.m.

The 2.30 p.m., Mallow to Waterford, will be altered to leave at 2.15 p.m.

The 2.15 p.m. Waterford to Mallow, will be altered to leave at 2.0 p.m.

The 6.35 a.m., Valencia to Tralee, will be altered to leave at 6.15 a.m.

The 11.25 a.m., Mallow to Tralee, will be altered to leave at 10.50 a.m.

The 2.30 p.m., Mallow to Tralee, will be altered to leave at 2.20 p.m.

The 8.25 a.m., Tralee to Mallow, will be altered to leave at 8.0 a.m.

The 9.0 a.m., 10.35 a.m., 12 noon, and 3.40 p.m. Banteer to Newmarket will be altered to leave at 8.55 a.m., 10.5 a.m., 11.20 a.m., and 4.0 p.m., respectively.

The 9.50 a.m., 11.20 a.m. and 2.25 p.m., Newmarket to Banteer, will be altered to leave at 9.30 a.m., 10.40 a.m. and 2.15 p.m., respectively.

The 7.45 a.m., Kenmare to Headford Junction, will be altered to leave at 7.30 a.m.

The 8.25 a.m. and 1.25 p.m., Castleisland to Gortatlea, will leave at 8.0 a.m. and 12.40 p.m. respectively.

The 9.10 a.m. and 1.55 p.m., Gortatlea to Castleisland, will leave at 8.50 a.m. and 1.10 p.m. respectively.

A new train will leave Castleisland for Gortatlea at 1.50 p.m.

A new train will leave Gortatlea for Castleisland at 2.15 p.m.

The 6.10 a.m., Cahirciveen to Valencia, will leave at 6.0 a.m.

The 11.50 a.m., Cork to Cobh, will be altered to leave at 11.10 a.m.

The 1.30 p.m., Cork to Cobh, Wednesdays and Saturdays, will run daily.

The 12.45 p.m., Cobh to Cork, will be altered to leave at 12.30 p.m.

The 3.15 p.m., Cobh to Cork, Wednesdays and Saturdays, will run daily.

The 7.45 a.m., Dingle to Tralee, will be altered to leave at 9.40 a.m.

The 3.30 p.m., Tralee to Dingle, will be altered to leave at 5.15 p.m.

The 2.50 a.m., Castlegregory to Castlegregory Junction, will be altered to leave at 9.0 a.m. and be extended to Tralee.

A new train will leave Tralee for Castlegregory at 10.35 a.m.

The 9.45 a.m., Castlegregory Junction to Castlegregory, will be discontinued.

The 2.20 p.m., Athenry to Galway, will be altered to leave at 1.45 p.m.

The 2.30 p.m., Broadstone to Galway, will give a connection to Gort, Ennis and Limerick, via Athenry.

The 7.0 p.m. Night Mail, Broadstone to Galway and Sligo, will give a connection to Cavan.

For further particulars see Time Tables or apply at stations.

M. F. KEOGH, General Manager.

Kingsbridge Station, February, 1925.

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Drogheda	dep.	11.20
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